WEATHER SYNOPSIS

The barometer is rising on the Coast and fair weather is becoming general. Zero temperatures prevail in the Prairies.

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CITY MAY HAVE $300,000 SURPLUS

Christmas! May It Be the Merriest to All!

Puget Sound Co. Plans New Island Link

Mayor J. Carl Pendray Announces New Bellingham-Sidney Service to Replace That of Motor Princess

Confirmation Comes From Bellingham

LINKING of Sidney and Bellingham by means of a new ferry service was forecasted by Mayor J. Carl Pendray yesterday following his return from a visit to Seattle.

Recently the Canadian Pacific Railway withdrew the Motor Princess from that run with the purpose of placing her on the service from Nanaimo to Vancouver, when the tourist season opens next May.

"Satisfactory arrangements," His Worship said yesterday, "have been entered into with a responsible transportation company to replace the Motor Princess with an entirely adequate service."

Reason for Change

His Worship will made a statement to the above effect in the course of his annual report to the City Council on Monday night.

In his report, the Mayor will point ont that the fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company had decided to place the Motor Princess on the run from Vancouver to Nanaimo should be the means of bringing a much greater number of tourists by way of the latter city to Victoria.

It is expected that the proposed new Bellingham-Sidney ferry service will be in operation in time to cope with the tourist rush of next year.

Confirmation of Report

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 24.—Joshua Green, president of the Puget Sound Navigation Co., conferred with Bellingham residents yesterday concerning the establishment of a ferry service between Bellingham and Sidney, B.C., via the San Juan Islands.

He met members of the Chamber of Commerce ferry committee, who have been seeking a successor to the C. P. R. Company on this route, and various influential men of the city.

It is believed that Mr. Green will operate a ferry between Bellingham and Sidney if assured sufficient business.

Bellingham is anxious to have ferry connection with the islands as well as with Sidney, B.C.

Japanese Chamber Meets in January

Formal Opening Yesterday, But Fireworks Will Not Begin Until Reassembling

TOKIO, Dec. 25.—The Diet met today, but the formal opening by the Prince Regent will not take place until tomorrow. The intervening time is being devoted to the appointment of committees.

The Diet will adjourn over the New Year's holidays, and will reconvene ni the latter part of January, at which time real "fireworks" are expected to start.

The only foreign measures which may occupy the Diet will have to do with Russia and China.

From the Colonist Tower

Friday, December 25

359th Day, 1925

THE WEATHER

Victoria and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and a little colder.

Sun Rises: 8:04 o'clock.
Sun Sets: 4:23 o'clock.

High Tide: 11:04 a.m., 9.3 feet.
Low Tide: 6:58 p.m., 3.4 feet.

Deep Sea Shipping

Arrival—
Ss. Canadian Seigneur, from Montreal, 7 a.m.

Departures (Saturday)—
Ss. Empress of Australia, for the Orient, 6:30 p.m.
Ss. Africa Maru, for the Orient, 5:30 p.m.

The News

Local and Provincial—
Mayor Pendray announces cash surplus in city treasury of $300,000.

Dominion, Imperial and Foreign—
Canadian West celebrates prosperous Christmas.
Europe gives Santa Claus gay welcome.
French postpone financial battle in Chamber until after the holidays.
"Christian General" occupies Tientsin, driving remnants of foe before him

Christian General Wins Mastery of North China

Feng Brushes Aside Remnants of Foe—Tientsin Captured—Defeated Rabble Alarms Residents

PEKING, Dec. 24.—The long fight of Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang, the "Christian General," for complete mastery of Chihli province moved near a successful termination today when his troops entered Tientsin, the great port and commercial centre of North China, having brushed aside the last barrier the remnants of the forces of General Li Ching-Lin, civil governor of the province.

General Li, named to his post by Chang Tso-Lin last year when the Manchurian dictator was also ruler of most of North China below the Great Wall, is reported to be seeking a refuge in the Japanese concession of Tientsin with his staff. His soldiers, beaten and in scattered retreat, have been looting and spreading terror in the Chinese part of the city.

Foreigners Guard Property

Foreign troops and volunteers, guarding the entrances to the foreign concessions, stand ready to prevent the spread of war and lawlessness to those districts of the city where thousands of Britishers, Japanese and other non-Chinese residents live and own business and industrial properties worth millions of dollars.

The fall of Tientsin marks the end of Feng Yu-Hsiang's drive for the city, which began a month ago and

MARSHAL FENG

entered its final phase last week. Although this campaign really opened with the collapse of Chang Tso-Lin's strength south of the Great Wall in late November, it is not to be confused with the battle 500 miles away, near Mukden, in which Chang is fighting for the remnants of his political power.

Feng Defied

When the revolt against Chang came, General Li Ching-Lin wavered, indicating at first he would join it. Later, influenced by fear that Feng would eliminate him regardless of

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Big Crop Helps West to Enjoy 1925 Christmas

Cities of Plains All Experience Banner Season—Grain Yield and Prices Make Farmers Prosperous

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—Western Canada is celebrating Christmas this year with every evidence of a returned prosperity.

With most of the population of the Prairies dependent upon the outcome of its Summer's labors in the field, Christmas celebration lacks fullness in a lean crop year.

With the crop this year exceeding a billion dollars in total value and with prices for grains satisfactory from the farmers' viewpoint, light hearts are the rule this year. The wheat crop alone this year exceeds by $146,483,000 the value of the crop of 1924.

Merchants in the chief cities of the Western plains, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Moose Jaw and all the towns and villages that are centres of rural trading, report record sales over the last week, indicating that Christmas stockings will be full, both in the city homes and the farm homes. Unemployment is reported at a low ebb everywhere.

It will be a white Christmas over the greater part of the Prairie Provinces. This week saw the mild, balmy weather turned to seasonable cold with snow.

Chicago Daily News Sold for $15,000,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Chicago Daily News was sold today to Walter A. Strong, for several years its business manager, for approximately $15,000,000. The transfer marks the end of the fifty-year ownership of the late Victor F. Lawson and the beginning of a new management in which members of the present departmental organization and editorial staff will share.

Sen. Robertson May Lead Conservatives in Senate

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Senator Gideon Robertson is being mentioned as the probable chief for the leadership of the Conservative party in the Senate in succession to the late Senator James Lougheed.

Would Seem as Though Duke Didn't Catch Right Burglar

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Duke of Manchester, who gave chase and caught a thief the other day, suffered the loss of valuable jewels, including gifts from royalty, when his London apartment was robbed.

Thieves raided the Duke's home at daylight. Ransacking all the rooms, they made away with various articles valued at over $5,000.

Christmas Wishes Broadcast to Arctic

Remote Police Posts in North to Receive Messages From Families and Friends

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The "Mounties" in Baffinland and Ellesmere Land above the Arctic Circle are going to have a New Year's Eve reception. The colorful uniform of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will not be necessary for the reception, which will be a reception of special messengers from families and friends broadcast by Westinghouse Station KDKA at Pittsburgh, WBZ at Springfield, KYW at Chicago, and KFKX at Hastings. The broadcast will take place Thursday night, December 31, immediately after the relaying of the Arlington time signals.

In the old days the Canadian Police posts usually did not hear from civilization until the middle of the next Summer, when the supply ship came to them with mail and provisions.

Now all the posts have their radio sets and listen to the Canadian and United States radio stations all Winter long.

The messages were sept by the families of the police to the police headquarters at Ottawa and forwarded for transmission.

Youthful Bandits Foiled In Attempt to Rob Bank

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—Three youths, all under twenty-two, at noon today made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the State Bank of Scotts Mills in Eastern Marion County and held the cashier, J. O. Dixon, prisoner for forty-five minutes before they were frightened away by the return from lunch of H. S. Dixon, teller. Thirty dollars, money collected in a community Christmas fund for poor children, was the only loot secured by the bandits.

"Prosperous" Is Ubiquitous Word These Days—And Significantly So

WHAT a wealth of significance there was last night in the way certain words of the time-honored seasonal greetings were emphasized!

And what an emphasis was placed on that word "prosperous" in the ubiquitous formula, "A Prosperous New Year!"

If it was an alderman who uttered the phrase, there was a light in his eye and a firmness to the hand-clasp accompanying the words that bespoke one thing undeniably. And that was confidence.

One knew he meant what he said and one felt that he was inspired by a special knowledge of something that made a wish for prosperity in 1926 seem altogether likely of fulfilment.

That assurance, of course, was the wonderful improvement in the city's finances as made known in the announcement of Mayor Pendray yesterday—the announcement that told of a $300,000 cash surplus in the bank at the end of the year; of a great reduction in the city's general debt; of the success of a "pay-as-you-go" policy; of the greater faith of the citizens in the value of their holdings here, as evidenced by their increased willingness to pay their taxes—even to pay them in advance. There was

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Europe Gives Santa Claus Gay Greeting

Britons Throw Off Cares to Enjoy Holiday — Nation Settles Down for Two-Day Rest

Thousands Depart To Winter Resorts

Paris Makes Merry on Christmas Eve — Crowds Throng Boulevards — Cabarets and Theatres Busy

LONDON, Dec. 24.—That same throb of contentment which thrilled Britons through ages of war and peace, is beating again within the people of these isles tonight, for they have thrown off the cares of trade and heavy taxation to make merry over Christmas. Nothing in the life of this mighty Empire moves its subjects to such emotions of fellowship as this season, and until next Monday the whole nation will ignore everyday life for the pleasures of leisure.

The country will be at rest. There will be no newspapers, no trams, no busses, no work tomorrow or Saturday (Boxing Day), for the English carry on the festivities of Christmas for another twenty-four hours after.

Peace Atmosphere General

Since last Christmas the former enemies and the allies of Britain have bound themselves to peace and arbitration for all time; the heir to the throne has established new and closer contact between the Mother Country and the far-away Dominions, and the friendly republics of South America; and peace again exists between Southern and Northern Ireland.

While millions are staying at home in London for the quiet English Yuletide, thousands have departed for the continent for the Winter sports, and in the past few days continental trains from the London terminus were obliged to run in three or four sections.

Traffic Taxes Trains

The exodus to the country has been equally big. Thousands were bound for Scotland on 150 trains today, while 520 trains left one main line station for the east coast and many of the westbound trains duplicated their regular service.

There has been curious English weather to suit all tastes. In the North of England the snow is many feet deep; snowdrifts have blocked up villages in Derbyshire, while snow ploughs are busy on the railways and

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Chicago Celebrates Costliest Christmas

Festivities Cost City Clost to $100,000,000—Tremendous Business Done

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus came to Chicago tonight staggering under the weight of a pack valued at between $90,000,000 and $100,000,000, the most costly Christmas in the city's history.

The great downtown department stores closed their doors at the end of the final rush with the announcement that they have done a Christmas business of between $50,000,000 and $55,000,000.

It was estimated that the smaller stores throughout the city have duplicated the amount.

In the midst of the city's hundred million dollar Christmas, the poor have not been forgotten. Hundreds of welfare societies tonight made arrangements to feed thousands of hungry and homeless tomorrow, while still other organizations expected to distribute gifts to thousands of poor children.

Dowager Duchess Dead

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Dowager Duchess of Argyle, widow of the eighth duke, died today. She was at one time private secretary to Queen Victoria. She married the Duke in 1895 and was his third wife.

Four-in-One Tree Given To Christmas Day Quadruplets

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 24.—The quadruplet babies of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mahoney, who will celebrate their second birthday Christmas Day, have received a special gift from F. J. McDonald, of McDonald's Point, Queen's County.

It is a Christmas tree that is four in one. The four perfectly formed trees have grown from one root, and the quadruplet tree seemed so decidedly a tree for the Mahoney four that Mr. McDonald brought it to the city and himself made the presentation.

To Succeed Lord Cavan As British Army Chief

SIR GEORGE MILNE

Who will become Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in succession to Lord Cavan on January 1.

Director Says Elevator Wins Much Support

Panama-Pacific Grain Terminals Gain Capital From Improved Prairie Conditions Recently

Quinn Project Has Financial Backing

Ogden Point Schemes Are Due for Realization During Year Now Approaching

THE subscriptions for shares in the Panama Pacific Grain Terminals, Limited, are being taken up better than was expected, and the directors are hopeful of making a definite beginning in the near future. There is no doubt that the elevator at Ogden Point will be finished in time to handle the 1926 grain crop.

These encouraging statements are made to Mayor Pendray and to Mr. C. F. W. Schwengers, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in separate communications over the long distance telephone from Mr. A. J. Gibson, a director, who has reached Vancouver from Regina.

They learned further that a representative of the firm of engineers, Messrs. C. B. Howe & Co., of Port Arthur, will shortly arrive here on the business of the company.

Message by Mail

Mr. Schwengers received from Mr. Gibson by mail a few days ago a full statement of the situation in its relation to the elevator shares, in which he pointed out that the improved weather on the prairies, better prices for grain, easier communication owing to roads being in firmer condition and similar factors had contributed to enable the directors to push the promotion of the undertaking.

By starting construction in the Spring the elevator will be ready for use in time to handle the crop of next year. The favorable vote of the ratepayers of Victoria on taxation exemption and the securing of the lease at Ogden Point from the Dominion Government have united to help in the advancement of the project.

The Quinn Elevator

Mr. Schwengers added that Mr. Valentine Quinn, who was here last Fall negotiating a site for his second elevator project—the major one being on the Lower Fraser River—to pick up parcels of grain for vessels clearing from Puget Sound, is making progress. He is now in England raising the necessary capital for the 5,000,000-bushel elevator at South Westminster, and the 500,000-bushel elevator at Ogden Point. Mr. Quinn has already stated here he will have this structure ready for the 1926 crop, given the measure of support which he expects from influential British capitalists.

Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures for Year Will Reach Huge Total

With Week of Year Yet to Run Official Estimate is Set at $280,000 as Minimum—Predicted Total in Bank Will Ultimately Be Swelled by a Further $20,000—Stage Set for Tax Reductions

Striking Success Follows Adherence To Pendray Maxim of "Pay as You Go"

MAYOR J. Carl Pendray's Christmas present to the citizens of Victoria lies in the announcement that the city will have, at the very least, a $280,000 cash surplus in the bank at the end of the year, and probably $300,000, with an excellent possibility that the ultimate sum will exceed the latter figure.

The stage is now set for another reduction in taxes next year, if debt charges make this possible.

Building Figures For 1925 Exceed Half Million Mark

BUILDING permits taken out during the past year reach the grand total of $542,152. In addition the city spent $10,500 improving property in its possession. Although no large public buildings were erected during the year, the returns indicate a very healthy state of affairs, the substantial increase in the number of residences erected being particularly noticeable.

Crippled Vessel Safe

HONOLULU, Dec. 24.—The Nippu Jiji, Japanese language paper, says Japanese destroyers have located the Japanese transport Nojima, which was disabled during a typhoon. The vessel is now out of danger.

City Keeps Up Health Record

Death Rate Lowest in Years—Pulmonary Tuberculosis Is on Decline

Victoria continues to maintain its splendid reputation as a healthy city, the death rate for 1925 being 10.9 per thousand of population, the lowest recorded for many years, according to a report of Medical Health Officer Dr. A. G. Price to Mayor J. Carl Pendray.

The marriage rate is higher this year than it was in 1924, but the birth rate is lower.

Pulmonary tuberculosis is on the decline in Victoria. Anent the subject of serious diseases the Mayor's annual report, which will be presented to the Council on Monday night, reads as follows:

"It is pleasing to note that the more serious diseases are practically nonexistent, there being only three mild cases of diphtheria reported during the year and only a single case of typhoid. The absence of these two named diseases is proof of the very satisfactory nature of the sewerage system and of our water and milk supply.

"There is also a decided improvement in pulmonary tuberculosis conditions, there having been a marked decrease in the number of cases reported and also in the number of deaths from the disease. In view of the fact that a number of the deaths recorded are of persons from outside municipalities who enter the city hospitals for treatment, it would appear that pulmonary tuberculosis is decreasing.

"Inspections of premises, drains, dairies, barns, etc., and also inspections of milk, beef, and places where food is sold are all carried out by officials of this department. Special attention has been given to living conditions in Chinatown and these are steadily improving, as is evidenced by the general good health of the Chinese residents."

Experts who have closely followed the sound financial policy of the Pendray administration during the past year have prophesized that the cash surplus would exceed the $269,000 surplus of last year. The boldest amongst them ventured to predict that there would be a quarter of a million shining silver dollars in the bank to the city's credit at the end of the year. But none of them had the temerity to approach a figure of $300,000 in the most optimistic of their calculations.

The Minimum

In his interim report to the Mayor yesterday, City Treasurer E. C. Smith named $280,000 as the minimum amount of the excess this year of revenue from all sources over expenditures on all accounts.

In conversation with the treasurer, yesterday, it developed that, with another week intervening before January 1, it would not be over optimistic to expect that this sum will be swelled by another $20,000—and possibly by more.

And all this, in spite of the facts that the city has paid off nearly $200,000 of its general debt; has borrowed $230,000 less from the bank during the year; has charged against current revenue additions to civic equipment and improvements to public works, the larger items of which alone total nearly $100,000.

To accomplish these things the Pendray administration levied for $42,014 less this year than was raised by the net levy of 1924. After the Estimates Committee had done its work a tax rate was set at $39.30 as against $39.40 for 1924, and this lower rate was levied on a smaller net assessment than obtained during 1924.

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Turko-Russian Pact Interests Germany

Friendly View of Guarantee Treaty — Instrument for Good, Teutons Believe

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The conclusion of a guarantee pact between Russia and Turkey is viewed by Germany with "friendly disinterestedness," says the semi-official Diplomatische Politische Correspondenz, reflecting the Government's sentiment.

German relations with Russia and Turkey are described by the newspaper as so favorable that German interests would not have been affected if instead of an actual "friendly neutrality" treaty the pact were more in the nature of a defensive and offensive alliance. It is pointed out that if a feasible compromise is attained between England and Turkey in the Mosul question and the Russo-German relations continue to develop systematically, this agreement between eastern naighbors is likely to become an instrument for the adjustment of differences between East and West with Germany a well-disposed mediator.

Premier Dunning Awaits Result of Ottawa Vote

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—An Ottawa special to The Gazette says: "The Hon. Charles Dunning, Premier of Saskatchewan, has definitely promised Mr. Mackenzie King that he will resign the premiership of Saskatchewan and come to Ottawa as a member of his Cabinet in the event of the Liberal party being sustained in power on the vote on the non-confidence motion of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen at the forthcoming session of Parliament."

Hen's Gizzard Yields "Pay Dirt": Five Gold Nuggets Found in Bird

QUESNEL, B.C., Dec. 24.—Five small pellets of gold were discovered in a hen's gizzard here recently by Jack Moffatt. He had killed the bird to make broth for his bride, who is ill in the hospital. At first the yellow grains, each about as large as the head of a pin, were thought to be agates, but when the contents of the gizzard were "panned" by Mr. Moffatt's uncle, Frank Roddie, who is down from the mines of Barkerville for Christmas, they proved to be tiny gold nuggets.

It is thought that Mrs. Moffatt's flock, which ranged outside, had picked up gold in the gravel thrown up by workmen excavating a main for water pipes on Barlow Street.

Mrs. Moffatt, the bridegroom's mother, however, is taking no chances of a stampede in the vicinity of her hen roost and is keeping the flock safely under lock and key.

No Paper Tomorrow

THE Colonist Staff is keeping the Christmas holiday today. There will be no issue of the paper tomorrow.

Christmas Greetings
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Mitchell & Duncan Ltd.
To their many patrons and friends. We wish to extend a Jolly and Merry Christmas and many, many more to follow.

This Store Will Be Closed Saturday. Open Again on Monday
We Wish All a
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We shall be waiting for you Monday cheerfully to exchange any article you received—as willingly as we sold it. We hope you will have real comfort and satisfaction in our shoes for 1926.
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Government Street

Jewish Christians To Revive Church

Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem Sets Seal of Approval on Palestine Movement

JERUSALEM, Dec. 24.—The Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem has set the seal of his approval upon a movement designed to revive the ancient Hebrew branch of the Apostolic church.

In a public statement the Bishop holds that now that there has come into being with the approval of the League of Nations, a Jewish spiritual and cultural centre in Palestine where the Jewish national feeling may learn to express itself in some tangible form, the revival of the ancient "Jewish Christian" branch of the church becomes possible.

The Jews, who are to form the principal body of this Jewish Christian congregation, proclaim their right to observe the national and social customs of Israel.

Three Men Killed In End-On Collision

Two Passenger Trains Crash on Atlantic Coast Line With Many Casualties

CHARLESTON, S.C., Dec. 24.—Three men are known to be dead, one is missing and several were injured, including J. W. Weeks, former Secretary of War, as a result of an end-on collision of two Atlantic Coast Line passenger trains early today at Gaillard's Cut, near Monk's Corner.

A relief train, with doctors and nurses, is en route to the scene. Herbert T. Parish, of Florence, engineer of the northbound train No. 76, J. E. Cummings, of Savannah, Ga., engineer of the southbound train, and C. Baxter, of Florence, fireman of the southbound train, were found dead in the wreckage. Fireman Williams of the northbound train, has not yet been located.

No details were given in reports received here of the wreck as to the extent of the injuries to Mr. Weeks.

Three Firemen Killed

NORWELL, Mass., Dec. 24.—Dec. 24.—Three volunteer members of the Scituate Fire Department were killed and two others rendered unconscious when their truck skidded and overturned while speeding to a fire here this morning. The dead are: George Barrows, father of three children; Frank Fall, father of five children; Hugh McDermott, single. The three men were instantly killed. Efforts of fifty men were required to lift the heavy truck from the bodies of the victims.

One of Many Unsolicited Testimonials!
Sufferer From Chronic Constipation and Headaches Finds Only Cure in Dr. Watson's Tonic
Up to about nine months ago, I was so run down in health that I began to despair of recovery. I suffered constantly from constipation and headaches. I lost all faith in medicine, as any relief I got from them was only temporary. A friend of mine, who had experienced similar troubles to my own, recommended me to try Dr. Watson's Tonic, as it had cured him of his troubles.
I commenced taking it forthwith, and am pleased to bear testimony to its wonderful efficiency. I am clear of headaches, my bowels move regularly, my appetite is good, and I owe it as a duty to myself and my fellow-sufferers to recommend its use.
Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) JOHN T. METCALFE,
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DR. WATSON'S
Tonic Ale or Stout
If you have any difficulty securing this, write Dept. T. M. Allen & Co., Bond Bldg., Toronto.

KIRKHAM'S GROCERTERIA
Thanks you for your generous patronage and wishes all its friends and patrons a
Very Merry Christmas

Union Jack Feud Renewed; Battersea Hoists Own Flag

Deputation Presents Views to Town Council—Alderman Called Slacker—"You Dirty Nincompoops, You Ought to Be in the Zoo," Councillor Replies

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The incident of the flag flying over the Battersea Town Hall which began last Sunday, when members of the National Fascisti took down the municipal tricolored ensign and substituted in its place the Union Jack, and was continued yesterday when the Town Council replaced the ensign and put the Union Jack out of sight, was still further continued today, a deputation waiting on the Town Council with reference to the flag matter.

The deputation urged that the Union Jack, not the municipal ensign, should fly from the Town Hall flagstaff.

One of the members of the deputation, a former alderman of Battersea, who had introduced the party to the Council, spoke feelingly of the local soldiers who had served their King and country in the war.

"They won't go again," remarked a Socialist member of the Council.

"You did not go, anyway," the ex-alderman retorted.

Immediately there was an uproar and a member of the Council shouted at the deputation:

"You dirty nincompoops, you ought to be in the zoo."

Eventually order was restored and the flag question was referred to a committee of the Council.

Europe Gives Santa Claus Gay Greeting

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the shooting bees in parts of Scotland are isolated. It is estimated that 4,000 wires have been knocked down by the gales.

Paris Is Gay

PARIS, Dec. 25. — Santa Claus slipped into Paris tonight on what promised to be one of the gayest eves since pre-war days, but those who hoped for an old-fashioned white Christmas got nothing but a light drizzle with a forecast of rain tomorrow.

All the big theatres were sold out and the cabaret restaurants from Montmartre to the Champs Elysee expected one of the most dazzling nights ever witnessed, and accordingly prices mounted for midnight suppers varying from twenty to fifty france in the Latin Quarter to 500 francs in the fashionable Champs Elysee places.

Gala crowds swarmed the boulevards from late afternoon, and if custom is followed every worthy Frenchman will stay there until dawn.

Merriment at Doorn

DOORN, Holland, Dec. 24.—Howling winds shook the trees around the former German Emperor's chateau tonight, but Christmas cheer radiated from lightened windows and, safe and snug inside, William Hohenzollern himself directed the details of preparation for tomorrow's festivities. This is the eighth Christmas which the former war lord has spent away from Germany, in exile, but visited frequently by old comrades and apparently thriving on his forced sojourn abroad.

Tomorrow the celebration will be carried out in as grand a manner as the facilities of the chateau afford. There will be princely guests from the homeland and notables who knew him in his days of power.

Princess Hermine's children already are present and Prince Eitel and Princess von Fuerstenberg were expected tonight.

Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures for Year Will Reach Huge Total

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Another feature of the city's splendid financial condition which will strengthen the confidence of the citizens in Victoria's future, is the fact that tax collections amounted to 85.376 per cent of the general levy as against 84.11 per cent for 1924.

Confidence

Still another thing revealing confidence of the taxpayers in the value of their holdings here is the fact that collections of general tax arrears continue to increase steadily. In 1924 they amounted to $198,227. This year they reached the figure of $213,927.

Mayor Pendray's report on the year's work will be given to the City Council on Monday night. In the following excerpt he deals with the financial condition of the city:

"The general debt of the city has been reduced from $10,689,587 to $10,494,071; debenutres paid off amounting to $195,516. The local improvement debt has been reduced by $211,508.

"Two refunding issues were made during the year, namely, $275,000 in January and $525,000 in July. The prices obtained for these two issues, namely, 95.57 and 97.13 (in Canada), were most satisfactory. The city's refunding programme is now complete.

"All sinking fund moneys have been prudently invested, the bonds purchased being long-term securities, with the maximum interest return obtainable.

Bank Loan Smaller

"The usual bank loan authorized for the year amounted to $1,000,000, but it was not found necessary to borrow more than $720,000, which was entirely paid off on October 23. This compares very favorably with 1924, when the sum of $950,000 was borrowed, and is principally due to the support of the taxpayers who paid their taxes in advance and to the cash surplus carried forward from the previous year.

"It might further be noted that although the amount borrowed from the bank is recorded as being $720,000, the largest amount owing to the bank at any one time during the year was only $365,000, which is certainly a remarkable improvement over recent years. The interest paid to the bank for advances in 1925 amounted to $8,696, the lowest expenditure under this head for nearly twenty years.

"While the interest payable to the bank is decreasing, the interest paid to taxpayers on prepayment of taxes is increasing, amounting to $12,276 in 1925, as against $9,536 in 1924.

"The tax rate for 1925 was $29.20 as against $29.40 in 1924. It must not be overlooked, however, that the net assessment was lower in 1925 than in 1924.

"The net levy in 1925 amounted to $1,797,291, being a reduction of $42,014 over 1924. It might be noted that of the total amount levied in 1925, sixty-five cents in every dollar represented debt charges. These charges reach their peak in 1926; after that year there is a gradual reduction in debt charges. Tax collections amounted to 85.376 per cent, as against 84.11 per cent in 1924. It is satisfactory to note that the percentage of taxes collected has steadily increased for a number of years past.

"The collections of general tax arrears steadily improve, the amount collected during the year being $213,927. In 1924 the arrears collected amounted to $199,227.

"Since the year 1922, when the tax prepayment plan was first adopted, the number of citizens taking advantage of this method has steadily increased. In 1922, 670 taxpayers prepaid taxes amounting to $198,902. In 1925, 1,530 taxpayers prepaid taxes amounting to $456,769. Prepayment of taxes is a fine investment for the taxpayer and also obviates the necessity for borrowing large sums from the bank to meet current expenditures.

"It is worthy of mention that the following large expenditures have all been charged against the current revenue for the year: Replacement and extension of water mains, Hillside, $11,148; Yates Street, $7,897; permanent paving on Douglas Street, $11,835.02; acquisition and improvement of Royal Athletic Park, $36,490; concrete surface drain, Pemberton Meadows, $6,000; improvement of Spring Ridge sand pits, $5,715; purchase of new fire-fighting equipment, $15,250.

Cash Surplus

"We are able to carry forward a cash surplus of $280,000, which will assist in reducing our requirements for the coming year.

"The financial policies of the last few years have been continued. These, summed up briefly, are: 'Pay as you go,' 'avoid borrowing' and 'economy with efficiency.' I cannot emphasize too strongly these ideals. I am sure that the incoming Council will act as conscientiously in this regard as the Council of 1925."

Christian General Wins Mastery of North China

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which side he took, he defied Fang, already master of Peking and all Chihli, except the area around Tientsin, and prepared to defend himself in the later city.

Manoeuvring of the armies occupied the first week of December.

Feng moved his Kuominchun (National People's Army) down the railroad from Peking, approximating Tientsin from the northwest. His ally, the governor of Honan, moved from the south and southwest.

Soon the rival armies were reported in contact on five fronts. Li won several local successes, but the main issue was joined on the Yangtsun front, about twenty miles northwest of Tientsin.

Feng Repulsed at First

Here the international train with an American infantry guard and many other American and foreign passengers were caught in the fire of the rival armies on December 11 and compelled to withdraw to Peking.

Feng began his real effort December 17 with a long bombardment. The following attack was repulsed, as was a subsequent one December 20, which was reported to have left the plains covered with Feng's dead. That the fighting was of an unusually sanguinary character for Chinese warfare was proved by the hundreds of Feng's wounded who poured back to hospitals in and near Peking.

As late as Tuesday, December 22, Li's defence seemed successful, Feng issued a proclamation, saying he desired peace. It was only a bluff under cover of which he was moving up reserves.

Late Tuesday came news that he had broken through Li's main defence by a determined drive and that Li was retreating and planning a last stand before Tientsin.

Tientsin contains British, French, Japanese, Italian and Belgian citizens, and also many districts which formerly were German, Russian and Austrian concessions, in which foreigners still reside. Its garrison contains British, American, French and Japanese troops.

Tientsin Taken Over

TIENTSIN, Dec. 24.—The Kuominchun (National People's Army) took over control of this city today closing two days of hectic events including battles in the heart of the city and looting by the retreating soldiers of the defeated army of General Li Ching Lin, former governor of Chihli Province. On Tuesday morning the Kuominchun carried out a general offensive against the Chihli centre, pressing the latter back four miles. The retirement was orderly, the Chihlitas exacting a heavy toll from their enemy and saving all their artillery which covered the retreat of the infantry.

On Wednesday morning, however, Li's cavalry deserted, bolting across the country. This was the signal for a general abandonment of the front and the flight of all arms toward Tientsin. Soon the railway and roads became choked with the impedimenta of war. Artillery was mixed up with transport, lorries with hords of infantrymen in confusion.

Troops Loot Shops

The troops commenced quarreling among themselves, and as the ugliest temper prevailed, cordons wers drawn around the city. Finally the Kuominchun occupied Tientsin central station after heavy firing which cleared the station and forced the foreign guards who had been posted there, to seek shelter in the offices.

The Chihlites ran out of the city, firing indiscriminately, stripping coolies and other civilians of clothing and looting clothing shops to secure substitutes for their uniforms which they discarded as they fled. Li with his staff fled in a motor car to the Japanese concession, which was forthwith barricaded.

Some of the Chihlites maintained a semblance of order, marched through the centre of the city in the direction of the Tsinpu Railway. Another division skirted the east station and marched across the golf course, discarding their uniforms en route and seizing civilian clothing, but otherwise giving no trouble, though the foreigners residing in the former Russian concession, which was not protected, were greatly alarmed.

By nightfall, the Kuominchun was in complete command of the city, which is now perfectly quiet.

Telegraph communication has been re-established and steamers which have been held at the mouth of the river, are arriving. Three Japanese steamers, escorted by Japanese destroyers from Port Arthur, arrived this evening.

Kuo and Wife Captured

TOKIO, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Mukden to the Kokusai news agency says General Kuo Sung Lin, whose army was defeated yesterday by that of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, had been captured by Chang's cavalry. Kuo's wife was also captured.

Chang's troops are now in occupation of Sinminfu, which lies on the west bank of the Liao River, west of Mukden.

Economy in Police Department to Net City Big Balance

FURTHER evidence of the economy being practised in the conduct of the city's affairs is contained in the announcement to Mayor Pendray yesterday that the Police Department will end the year with a balance on hand of approximately $5,000. The estimate of expenditures for 1925, prepared at the beginning of the year, was $114,580.

Head of International Rotary Club on Visit

MR. DONALD A. ADAMS
Of New Haven, Conn., and head of the International Rotary Club, who is in Canada.

"Prosperous" Ubiquitous Word These Days—And Significantly So

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all that behind the confidence of the alderman.

If the phrase fell from the lips of a banker, then, too, one sensed the feeling of confidence that underlay that magic word "prosperous." And in his case, too, there was ample justification. He, probably, had heard the cheerful news from the Victoria Clearing House to the effect that bank clearings for the week ending at noon yesterday totalled $2,136,932, as opposed to the $1,520,444 figure for the corresponding week of 1924.

And ah! The significance with which the cheery smile of the merchant was laden! He knew the meaning of that word "prosperous," one felt, from the experience of the past two weeks when the aisles of his store were jammed with people and goods faded from his counter like dew before the morning sun.

And if one asked him, "How was business?" he would reply, like the clothier and haberdasher at midnight, last night: "Never better, for a good many years. Best business we've done for a long time. Receipts for each of the last four days were away above receipts for the corresponding days last year. Good business—yes, good business."

And the transportation man would echo the last words, knowing that people at the present moment are prosperous enough to travel rather freely—to travel in such numbers last night, at any rate, as to necessitate an extra boat from the Mainland end of the Victoria-Vancouver service.

Then there were the two real estate men The Colonist representative chatted with on Fort Street late last night. They, too, had that confident air—that confident heartiness in the tones of their voices. And when the conversation swung around to the subject of the recent stiffening of values in the realty market here, the reason became quite clear.

It was omnipresent, that spirit of confidence. It permeated all classes of society, it colored the words and lightened the smiles of all types of citizens. Is it any wonder, then, that this Christmas Day may well be a very merry one indeed?

Official Ottawa Will Spend Quiet Christmas

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Christmas at Ottawa will be spent quietly. The Governor-General and Lady Byng have no official function on Christmas Day. Guests at dinner will be confined to members of the staff.

Premier King and Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, will spend Christmas at home in Ottawa. Few members of the Cabinet will be here tomorrow. After the last Cabinet meeting there was a scattering of Ministers over the holiday.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Attended by prominent citizens in all walks of life, by the judges of the Supreme Court, and by Premier Mackenzie King, the funeral of Lady Davies, widow of Rt. Hon. Sir Louis Davies, former chief justice of the Supreme Court, was held here today.

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CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 24.—Frank Dawson, forty-five, prominent farmer of East Bideford, was drowned when his horse and sleigh went through the ice of the Bedford River.

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Padlock Parade in White Light District Of Gotham Featured

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A holiday "padlock parade," with scheduled stops at forty-one cabarets, night clubs and restaurants, including some of the most widely-known in New York's white light district, was begun last night, under the direction of United States Attorney Buckner. The drive is the largest yet undertaken by Buckner. The service of the padlock complaints is expected to be completed within a few days and each of the resorts will have twenty days in which to answer charges.

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Public Works Much Improved

City Carries Out Extensive Improvements to Trails, Roads and Sidewalks

The extensive improvements carried out by the city in its public works programme for the past year is clearly set forth in the course of Mayor Pendray's annual report which will be made to the City Council on Monday night.

The leakage in the Sooke concrete flow line has been reduced by nearly twenty-six per cent.

A sum of $13,600 was spent on constructing 8,250 lineal feet of macadam trails. Thirteen thousand dollars was expended on constructing sewers and surface drains. New concrete sidewalks were laid on various streets at a cost of $5,752. Wooden sidewalks were also replaced and renewed at a cost of $2,005. Permanent asphalt concrete was laid on Douglas Street, between Belleville and Humboldt, at a cost of $5,388; and on Mill Street and Rock Bay, at a cost of $1,888.

The Ross Bay sea wall had needed repairs carried out. Point Ellice Bridge was repainted and repaired at a cost of $2,988. In Spring Ridge district, Gladstone Avenue, was regraded and the old sandpits completed for park purposes at a cost, in 1925, of $9,385. The sum of $7,648 was expended on oiling macadam roads. The usual maintenance of streets and sewers was carried out and the best service possible given in the way of garbage collection and street cleaning.

Less Waste

Approximately 300 copper expansion joints were placed in the concrete flow line from Sooke. The leakage on this line has been cut from 48 per cent in 1922 to 22.4 per cent in 1925.

The Hillside Avenue main which was damaged some years ago by electrolysis was renewed for a distance of 900 feet at a cost of $10,515, and a section of the high pressure main on Yates Street was relaid with twelve-inch pipe at a cost of $7,500.

Noted Nanaimo Figure Passes

Mr. Samuel Gough Dies at Ripe Age—Was Leader in Good Templar Work

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—Mr. Samuel Gough, city clerk and treasurer of Nanaimo for forty-five years, and a resident of Nanaimo since 1874, when he came to Canada on the historic Princess Royal, died at his home this morning at the age of seventy-six.

Mr. Gough had been in poor health for some time and two weeks ago temporarily gave up his work at the municipal hall here. He is survived by his wife, one son, Mr. Hiram Gough, living here, and two sisters, Mrs. Amanda Norris, of Nanaimo, and Mrs. H. G. Leighton, living in the Okanagan district. Mr. Gough has been a conspicuous figure in public here for fifty years.

He organized the local branch of the Good Templars Lodge in Nanaimo half a century ago and attended the organization meet of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.G.T. in Victoria, since when he has always held office. He was re-elected treasurer of the Grand Lodge, I.O.G.T., this year, for the thirty-third time.

He was awarded the appreciation medal by Post No. 3, Native Sons of British Columbia, a few weeks ago.

London Brokers Get Rich Quickly

Vast Fortunes Made in Rubber and Many Firms Decide to Retire as Result

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Rubber brokers are beginning to retire with well-filled pockets, and the public is wondering whether they foresee a collapse of the boom and are standing from under.

Balss & Rogers, who have announced they have decided to close their business, have been in the rubber brokerage business for fewer than four years and are said to have made £1,000,000 in profits.

Several other firms say they will retire at the end of this year. Balss & Rogers have often handled more than two million rubber shares for as many as 2,000 customers in a single day.

The firm had to reserve a large number of rooms in a hotel adjoining its offices in the city, and its employees slept in relays. Some times they were able to get only a few hours' sleep, because of the press of business. Work was continued Sundays as well as week days.

Many rubber brokers in the city have seldom been able to close their offices before midnight because of the pressure.

It is the custom of many brokers to give bonuses to employees in proportion to their yearly profits, and the sums disbursed this year are said to total tens of thousands of pounds.

The Daily Mail says one firm is giving each employee a bonus equivalent to one year's salary, while sums ranging from £10 to £100 each are common.

Belgian Queen Told Her Highest Hopes Are to Be Doomed

SIMLA, India, Dec. 24.—Queen Elizabeth of Belgium has been told she will never achieve her greatest hopes, whatever they are.

Travelling incognito and accompanied by a lone lady-in-waiting, the Queen entered a fortune teller's tent while visiting the old town.

"Madam, you have had unbound ambitions," the Hindu soothsayer said as she studied the Queen's hand. "You were greatly desirous of occupying a high situation but you must abandon that hope and console yourself, for you will never achieve your wish or see your hopes fulfilled."

The Queen smiled as she replied: "I have a situation that suits me quite well."

Three Burned to Death

OKMULGEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—Two children and a nineteen-year-old girl were burned to death, the mother of the two children was critically burned, three others were injured and thirteen others barely escaped with their lives, when a three-story frame hotel burned early today. The dead are: Clem Wall, fourteen; Lorena Dall, ten, and Beatrice Mulberry, nineteen, of Arkansas.

Standard Oil Cuts Fine Juicy Melon

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Standard Oil Company, of New York, today gave its stockholders a Christmas present by declaring a stock dividend of twenty-five per cent. This action follows the merger of the Magnolia Petroleum Company into the Standard Oil Company, of New York, by exchanging four shares of Standard Oil for one of the Magnolia, or a cash payment of $181.23 a share for Magnolia.

Suicide Presumed

SASKATOON, Dec. 24.—J. W. Dawar, fifty-five, an old-time resident of this city and real estate dealer, is presumed to have committed suicide by leaping from the Canadian National Railway bridge 160 feet to the ice below. Tracks on the frost-lined iron work indicated that he had passed across the tracks from the footpath on the bridge, stood on the parapet and jumped.

Picked to Talk Over Subject of Mosul

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Governor May Resign Place

Labor Government's Demands in New South Wales Opposed by King's Representative

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 24.—Sir Dudley de Chair, Governor of New South Wales, may resign his post as a result of the Labor government's insistence on the appointment of twenty-five new members of the legislative council. The Governor demurred when requested by Premier Lang to make the appointments, and he referred the matter to the Dominion Secretary's office in London before arriving at a decision. He received instructions from London to accept his advisors' suggestion and he did so, although he was not favorable to such action.

The official papers in the matter show that the government's application was for the appointment of twenty-five additional members of the legislative council and that after the Governor had heard from the Dominion Secretary's office in London, he saw Premier Lang, who assured him that the abolition of the legislative council was not contemplated in connection with the proposed increase in membership.

Agreed to Name Fifteen

The next day the Governor wrote the Premier declining to appoint the twenty-five new members, but agreed to appoint fifteen.

Premier Lang replied to this by refusing to accept the Governor's suggestion and stating that fifteen would not be sufficient to enable the government to carry on without its efforts being thwarted by the legislative council.

The Governor's first communication with Premier Lang in connection with the proposed appointments took place on December 3 and 4.

On December 6, the Premier asked the Governor to appoint twenty-five members immediately. The next day the Governor agreed to do so, but under protest.

Twenty-Five Unnecessary

The Governor held the view that an addition of twenty-five members to the council was more than the number required to enable the government to carry bills through the legislative council as well as the legislative assembly.

Subsequently, however, he intimated to Premier Lang that he was prepared to appoint the twenty-five, acting on the advice of his ministers generally in the matter and on the advice of the Attorney-General in particular as to the constitutional position in connection with the case.

Bishop Fallon Fails In Home Bank Claim

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Five or ten minutes after the head office of the Home Bank of Canada closed its doors in Toronto on August 17, 1923, Bishop M. F. Fallon, of London, deposited in the London branch, which was operating on different time, a cheque for $32,076 to meet certain notes. Bishop Fallon, as head of the Roman Catholic episcopal corporation of London, brought action for a declaration that he was entitled to set off deposits against the indebtedness to the bank, and that as a result he was entitled to recover a balance of $19,003 of the amount of his cheque of $32,076.

In dismissing the Bishop's application Charles Barrow, of the Supreme Court, says there is no right to a set-off until the setoff has been investigated. He finds that the deposit of the cheque was the payment of a just debt.

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Chicago Divorcee Tells Chicago Court of Doings of Professional Husband

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—John V. Weidemeier, who came into public notice recently through his arrest in St. Louis with the wife of a Chicago furrier, has been termed a "professional husband," who has been married at least forty-eight times, in testimony in an annulment suit brought by one of the wives. Mrs. Esther Wexler Brooks, concert violinist, who said she had married Weidemeier in 1924, when he was using the name of Arthur Brooks, told Judge Lewis yesterday that she was the forty-eighth or forty-ninth wife, she wasn't sure which, and the judge indicated the annulment would be granted.

"I've been collecting information about this man," said the pretty musician, "and I find that he is known on both sides of the sea as a defrauder and professional husband.

"I have got in touch with nine women whom he has married in the last two years, always under a different name. He managed to get more or less money from each of them."

His right name was given as Sigmund Engis.

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No Christmas Paroles Issued at Penitentiary

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 24.—No Christmas paroles have been granted this year at Portsmouth penitentiary. Up to within the last two years it was the custom of the Department of Justice to issue about fifty paroles at Christmas time, but the present policy is not to issue paroles unless the man has a position or friends to whom to go. The department has been influenced by the considerable number of men out of work each Winter and hesitates to add to this number or to place any undue temptation in the way of a man who has just been released.

Canton Strikers Active

CANTON, Dec. 24.—The strikers are showing greater activities, pointing to further trouble, by making large seizures of foreign cargoes suspected of having passed through Hong Kong.

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TO OUR READERS

The percentage of those who read editorials in newspapers is probably very small. Most assuredly the percentage on Christmas morning dwindles to an inappreciable shadow. Newspapers know that their readers are far otherwise and more acceptably engaged on this day of the year than in being bothered in even scanning the lucubrations of those whose duty it is to fill so much space each day with matter which may be good, bad or indifferent. There are certain times of the year, and notably Christmas time, when the editorial columns seem a delusion and a sham: something to be avoided as too recondite and too solemn, and so, removed from the joyousness of holiday time. The truth is that a newspaper knows all this. It is a very chastened institution at holiday times, for it feels that the circle of its readers has been estranged, that it is out of touch with those very people with whom it should be in intimate relationship, that, in fact, it publishes just to keep up continuity of purpose, but for no other reason.

These thoughts in their very penning are an example of wasted energy, for the certainty is that they will be read by an almost intangible quantum of the public. We do not blame our readers for having other preoccupations. This is the day devoted to the children, and what have the little ones to do with newspapers on such a day? or what have their elders, for that matter, for next to being happy oneself there is no greater satisfaction than in contemplating the happiness of others. It is this contemplation that on Christmas Day sweetens the unpalatable draught of mortality. It is the happiness of the anniversary and what it means that fortifies like a cordial, that enlarges the heart and is productive of sweet blood and generous spirits. There is no need to read the newspaper on such a day as Christmas for there may be something in it that will tend to promote the hypochrondries. Though we may be aware that these lines will be read by but few, The Colonist takes the annual opportunity of wishing all its readers a merry, merry Christmas, and in doing so recalls the lines of William Makepeace Thackeray:

Here let us sport,
Boys as we sit—
Laughter and wit
Flashing so free.
Life is but short—
When we are gone,
Let them sing on,
Round the old tree.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

There are many legends extant which purport to give the origin of Christmas presents. People of the Christian faith, however, prefer to believe that the custom originated when the three wise men of the East, traveling from Greece, Egypt and India, laid their homage of gold, frankincense and myrrh in the lowly manger at Bethlehem, earth's cradle of Divinity. Were the origin other than an inspired one it may be doubted if the custom would have reached its present proportions. The habit now belongs to every nation, and thus has one custom which we choose to believe to be coeval with Christianity itself fastened its hold on the worshippers of every faith and on those as well who profess no faith at all but who have bowed to the magic of that brotherly love which Christ Himself preached while on earth.

There are those who deprecate the increase in the custom of Christmas giving. Their belief is that it should be confined to children alone and that the gladsomeness of the occasion should be the merriment and satisfaction of the little ones in which their elders only have a reflected enjoyment. Perhaps there is much to be said for this, but all that could be said will not alter the custom extending to every age. Perhaps, indeed, it would be a pity to alter it for the Christmas present habit is a symbol of that fellowship which itself betokens that "peace on earth and good will towards men" that forever will remain the motto of Christmastide. It is the idea which prompts the interchange of gifts not the intrinsic value of the gifts that counts. The medium of presents is one way of perpetuating the spirit of Christmas and that it should have become an increasing habit is symptomatic of the permanence and vitality of the Christian Faith itself.

It is the gift habit, indeed, which, more than any other method of marking the anniversary, apart from the sacred commemoration of the Birth, has tended to bind the people of earth together in a common family for at least one period of each year. It is the feeling inspired by the pleasure of receiving gifts, and of giving them as well, that has done so much for the spirit of Christmas festivity. New grace has been imparted by the habit in the heart of mankind. Old ideals are resurrected on the festal day. It is the period of the rejuvenation of mankind. Whatever the advice of the Scrooges of the world the custom of Christmas presents will prevail and possibly even strengthen as the centuries elapse. It is well that it should be so for the promotion of good fellow ship cannot but make for better conditions in this world of ours. It is now and it will be always as it was when Charles Dickens put into the mouth of Mr. Wardle the Christmas Carol of which one verse ran:

But my song I troll out, for Christmas stout,
The hearty, the true, and the bold;
A bumper I drain, and with might and main
Give three cheers for this Christmas old;
We'll usher him in with a merry din
That shall gladden his joyous heart,
And we'll keep him up, while there's bit or sup,
And in fellowship good we'll part.

HEALING POWER OF LIGHT

This year's Huxley lecture was delivered by Sir Oliver Lodge and he took as his subject Evolution in the course of which he dealt with the healing power of light. That power has now become familiar to medicine and hence the establishment of institutions for such healing purposes. Sir Oliver points out that light has a pressure and that it is common knowledge what happens when it encounters a particle of dust, or, in other words, an atom of matter. This has been investigated by photo-electricity when it has been found that an electron jumps out of the atom and the atom is ionized. This ionization of matter by light is becoming familiar in medicine, particularly in the action of light on the skin and its remarkable effect on the nerve supplying retina of the eye.

In explanation of the healing power of light Sir Oliver says that in the retina, for instance, the nerves are bombarded by the ejected electrons, each striking with an energy appropriate to the frequency of the receiving vibrations, thus giving the different color sensations through the extraordinary interpretative power of the mind through its organ the brain. The destructive influence of this action on micro-organisms such as an anthrax-bacilli, when they are exposed to ultra-violet light, is well known. The health-giving power of these same ultra-violet rays is constantly receiving more and more attention. Sir Oliver says that a study of radiation has discovered that mysterious but fundamental entity the quantum a knowledge of which was leading to elucidating the temperature, the constitution, the age, the speed and the history of the various cosmic masses. Through it the formation of woods and the growth of vegetation on which animal life depends have been explained, and now the sanitary, invigorating and beneficent work of sunlight on the human organism is being more and more appreciated. It is being more and more studied and applied by those who have the requisite training. He expresses the hope that a recognition of the electric and ionizing power of such rays may be a hint in the right direction to those engaged in this work.

THE CLASSICS

Universities and colleges of Ohio are showing a reviving interest in the study of Latin and Greek and this trend is put down to the reaction against so-called practical education. In that State, according to The Ohio State Journal, the drift for some years was toward purely utilitarian courses. In other words, the fetish of education became the teaching of young men and women some specific calling in life. The experience in the public schools is beginning to show that this vocational training is more of a matter for the trade and professional schools and less of a thing of general education itself. The Ohio publication believes that the mission of general education is cultural, not utilitarian or materialistic, an opinion with which most of those who have given the matter even a superficial study will agree. In commenting on the growth of interest in the classics that paper says:

It is only the grossest materialism which can see no value in the classics. They have great practical value, for no English-speaking person can know his own language thoroughly without a knowledge of Latin, or, to a less degree, without a knowledge of Greek. But they have a higher value even than that. A good knowledge of them makes the scholar, with his insight and his broad and hopeful tolerance. It enables him to live under "the distant influence of exalted minds." It does not enable a man to make a million dollars, rather unfits him for that feat, perhaps, but it gives him greater resources than that.

The Philadelphia Ledger in commenting on the athletic career of the "Red" Grange, a college football player of the United States, says: "Here is another hero of an hour who is learning the immemorial lesson that the wild ass of the bleachers, the many-headed multitude, can bray and jeer as well as cheer. The touchdowns of yesterday never count. The crowd may be slow to swing to you, but it is quick to turn away. . . . The 'Red' Grange legend began to fade the day he sold his playing skill at a stated price. There was nothing wrong about such a sale. It was his own to sell if he wished, but he sold something else with it. Along with it went the right of the public that had made him to break him."

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

There are still about two million people without employment in England. And if we are to believe all that is telegraphed to this continent about the industrial circumstances of England, that jolly old land is in a very bad way, an almost hopelessly bad way. Yet England does not appear to be depressed. She is just as cheerful as Mark Tapley ever was under the most depressing circumstances. She blunders along her allotted way, and, as in the celebrated case of Mr. Pickwick, she cheerfully blunders out of most embarrassing situations.

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We are told that all the people of England, the two million who are unemployed and the forty million or so who are steadily employed, are going to enjoy a happy, if not a specially merry, Christmas. The joy of the English people will be somewhat restrained and decorous because of the recent death of the Queen Mother and the mourning of the Royal Family. Notwithstanding occasional radical ebullitions, the people of England have a deep and abiding affectation for the Royal Family. Royalty is a British institution, and the British have an admirable reverence for their established institutions. The British people, the most democratic people in the world today notwithstanding their steadfast adherence to the monarchical institution, are slow to adopt new-fangled ideas of government. And when the political conditions in most other parts of the world at the present time are taken into consideration the British people are surely justified in their contentment with their system of government.

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England, we are told, is preparing for a most joyous Christmas season. Everybody who can—and that means practically everybody—is going to down tools, pens, and all implements of industry, and take a three days' holiday. The London newspapers will suspend publication from Friday till Monday. All classes of the people, the high class, the middle class and the lower class, are going to forget that there is such a thing as interesting news—social news, political news, even sporting news—and are going to eat, drink and be merry—within the bounds of reason and common sense, of course.

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In a sentence, all England is going home to spend the holidays. London is a deserted city, because the bulk of its inhabitants have gone home to spend the holidays. Hundreds of thousands of English people from the uttermost parts of the earth have arrived home to spend the holidays. Thousands of Americans have gone over to England to spend the holidays. Christmas in England is the season of annual family reunions, and Americans, notwithstanding certain remote and some immediate circumstances, can present a case for admission to the family circle during the short period of festivity.

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The circumstances of England and the cheerfulness of the English people at the present time are matters of astonishment to the people of other countries. Our American friends cannot understand the palpable prosperity of England and the philosophical indifference of the English people to external circumstances. They cannot understand where the money comes from to maintain Britain's business dominance in the world. They believed that when they had gained control of the gold supply of the world they also had obtained control of the business of the world. They did not take credit into account when they made their highly interesting calculations. They forgot about the British mercantile marine, which still has its ships in every sea and in every foreign port, even in all United States ocean ports, and is enabling Britain to carry on business in all parts of the world, turning an honest penny not only in the exchange of goods but in the carriage of goods.

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Even the holidays of England and the relaxations of the English people are turned to profitable account. Although London is said to be empty of people at the present time, that is merely a figure of speech. London's houses of public accommodation will be more crowded than ever before during the Christmas season. Not only Atlantic steamships, but steamships sailing from all parts of the world, have been crowded with passengers for the past couple of months. The hotels of London and of many other cities will be filled with guests. American travellers will predominate, of course. American are deeply interested in the "quaint" sights to be seen in every part of England, and they have the money necessary to gratify their curiosity. They are spending much of the gold that would still be lying in the strong boxes at Washington but for their disposition to travel and see things. They are contributing very materially to the prosperity of England. They will continue to do that and thus assist in restoring "the balance of trade," provided the Government does not impose an export duty on them as it has imposed an import duty on every other commodity that if it were admitted into the country would assist in restoration of "the balance of trade."

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Oh, yes, the English people are having a very merry Christmas, and we hope the American people who are joining in their festivities may have a very merry Christmas too.

Notable Anniversaries

Christmas Day in 1635 was a day of gloom in the little colony of Quebec, for Samuel de Champlain, the great explorer and colonizer, the founder and protector of New France, lay on his deathbed in the chateau which he had built as a Government centre for the colony. Before the day had passed, death had released the explorer from the arduous and exacting labors which he had imposed on himself on behalf of the infant colony, victim of neglect at home and the hostility of rival interests. Two years had then elapsed from the time when the Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye permitted Champlain to return to his beloved New France, a period that was inevitably filled with unremitting efforts to restore the fortunes of the colony, which had suffered under the rule of the Kirkes. Early in October Champlain was stricken with paralysis, and on December 25 the end came. Father Le Jeune, the Jesuit priest who delivered the funeral oration, afterwards thus wrote of the dead Governor: "Those whom he left behind have reason to be well satisfied with him; for, though he died out of France, his name will not therefore be any less glorious to posterity."

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

At Christmas time when all our hearts rejoice,
And deep warm friendships fill the Yuletide air,
There moves a presence who with gentle voice,
Bestows the gifts of frankincense and myrrh.

In darkest wastes He finds on life's sad way,
Each truant lamb which by the wayside fell:
His lingering whispers through this happy day,
In deep refrains with sweetest music swell.

He enters there to all who ope the door,
And in His welcome takes the vacant chair.
With kingly crown as in the days of yore,
In loving friendship shares your humble fare.

Throughout the world His stately temples rise
In Him our last great sanctuary lies.

MARY M. BARRON.

Victoria, B.C., December 25, 1925.

THE MAGI

From the Eastern lands afar, came three Kings a-riding;
They had seen a wondrous Star shine out for their guiding.
Sandy deserts, mountain chains, heat or cold ne'er fearing,
Forth they rode with splendid trains, Zion ever nearing.

Now at Herod's palace gate, wearied, yet untiring,
Patiently they stand and wait, for the Babe enquiring.
"Where is He now born the King, told in Israel's story,
Gold and frankincense we bring, well we know His glory?"

Herod and the Jewish lords hear their quest unheeding,
Read the ancient prophet's words, unto Bethlehem leading.
Now again the star is seen, shining o'er the stable.
See those Kings with joyful mien sit at Joseph's table.

With what rapture now they gaze on the Babe there sleeping;
Tell how God by Him will raise, harvests for our reaping.
He, the seed, so long foretold, for the soil preparing—
He, the Shepherd, from of old, now our nature wearing.

Lo, the dark retainers bear into Mary's dwelling,
Gold and frankincense and myrrh, treasures beyond telling.
Wisdom humbly worships there, owns that Child as Master—
Greets Him universal heir and His church's pastor.

T. H. MAYNARD.

December, 1925.

'TIS CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

'Tis Christmas again! with its dear old-time charm,
Its red holly berries and mistletoe bough.
In city, in village, at sea, on the farm,
The Birthday of Love we all celebrate now.

The church bells are ringing, "Come, worship and pray,"
"Ye faithful, come join in the sweet old refrain."
Or high-church, or low-church, or no-church, today,
Be glad—and love someone, 'Tis Christmas again!

We live—a contracting small circle around;
Ah! fewer the good friends to meet us with mirth.
Each year sees us older. Has this year still found
Us further from Home—still roaming the earth?

In Truth, we are nearer to Home than before,
So meet the New Year without fear or alarm;
Though fewer friends—better friends, loving them more.
'Tis Christmas again! with its dear old-time charm.

'Tis Christmas again! Its glad message instils,
For Love is as old as the hills white with snow;
But Love is still young in the heart that it fills
And thrills—as it did in the long, long ago.

Invisible hands shall our hands tightly grasp;
Invisible guests our full tables shall boast;
Invisible arms shall our better selves clasp;
'Tis Christmas again, where True Love is the Host.

'Tis Christmas again! and may Love bring you bliss!
True hearts are the courts wherein True Love doth reign,
Though Love be as old as the hills—think on this,
Love's birthday is new, for 'tis Christmas again!

—Kilbee Gordon.

W.C.T.U. Worker Dead

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Mary M. Wade, sixty-nine, president of the King County Women's Christian Temperance Union, from 1897 to 1903, and state treasurer of the organization from 1901 to 1916, died here today.

Here's Wishing: Ye Olde Tyme Merry Christmas!

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Letters to the Editor

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The British Navy

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to correct some statements made by your correspondent, signing herself Marion Thornborrow. She states she is disgusted that some outside people should stand up for the dead heroes of the Navy. Now, I am not an outsider, as I buried my son last week. He was five years in the North Sea on the battleship Benbow and mine sweepers. After Jutland he was transfered to a mine sweeper and was blown up by striking a mine.

Now, your correspondent is terribly disgusted that Mr. Davies' feelings should be hurt. What about the feelings of thousands of widows and parents whose husbands and sons lie buried in the North and other seas. Next, she states that Mr. Davies explained it all. He has done no such thing. He merely complained of being personally attacked, and that he had a war record. He has not apologised for his statements. She also seems very distressed about the honor of Victoria. What about the honor of our gallant seamen of the Navy and Merchant Marine? Had it not been for them and our soldiers, Mr. Davies with the rest of us, might now be under the orders of a German Governor in Victoria. That would have been worse than "crickit."

J. W. WOOKEY.

867 Craigflower Road, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 24, 1925.

The Message of Christmas

Sir,—Is the message of God's love made manifest, not now in prophetic picture, nor acted in historical past. We that are Christians celebrate Christmas not only as a remembrance and commemoration of the most wonderful act that ever took place, as touching humanity, but primarily we celebrate it because that Man, the God-Man, lives and is at God's right hand as our Elder Brother and Intercessor. We remember the Babe of Bethlehem and we give thanks, and we follow the course of this Infant's destiny and we behold the mystery of God made manifest, not in a system or a book, but in a Man made perfect through suffering.

Do we sometimes stop to think of this? It would take nothing from the joys peculiar to the season if we did; it would rather serve to hallow and deepen in our heart and mind and spirit all that Christmas stands for. I say, be joyful, but let it be the joy of Christmas, let not this season degenerate into a mere pagan form with outside trappings; but know, teach and practice what is meant.

God came amongst us in the person of His Son at what cost and for what reason we are all supposed to know. Do we? Well then, if we do, Christmas will be to our spiritual character as the first breath of Spring after a long, hard Winter. In it we see the budding of the Eternal purpose. We will not only believe in a past historical fact, but we will experience the Breath of Life. That is, God the Holy Ghost, Who takes of the things of Christ, will convey to us a measure of Jesus' love. His present love, giving us the assurance that what we celebrate is not an empty relic or a time-worn fad, but is an acceptable service wherein He would bless us.

Thus and thus only may we experience the Spirit that is portrayed in that wonderful inspiring hymn, "Adeste Fideles":

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

A. BRUCE.

481 Head Street, Esquimalt, B.C., Dec. 24, 1925.

The Fox Industry

Sir,—I do not feel disposed to enter into a newspaper discussion with Mr. Kelly as to the relative merits of registered or unregistered foxes, but I must reaffirm my statement which appeared in The Times of 22nd instant, that fox breeding on Vancouver Island is still only an experiment. I do not state that registered foxes can not be imported and kept here for a short time, exhibited and take prizes, and even sold for breeding purposes at wonderful prices, but I contend that the object for which we should work is the production of the fur and not simply to breed show animals.

I think Mr. Kelly does not understand that the meaning of the term "prime" as used by the furriers refers to the interior condition of the pelt and not its exterior, or perhaps I have not yet discovered how to inspect the inner lining of the skin without killing its wearer. After five years' experience with foxes here I am free to admit that there is still much to learn, and I should be very rash to advise other citizens to invest their money in any enterprise which is only in its experimental stage, without they are prepared to carry on the work as an experiment and not suffer by a failure.

Now as to size of foxes, Mr. Kelly states the medium-sized pelts are preferred, while I stated that furriers' price lists always quote the highest price for the large skins, quality being equal. If anyone interested will look at Lampson's or other lists I think it will be found that the skin of the Fisher is the only pelt which has a higher price for the smaller size, and that is caused by the animal becoming coarse in the hair as it grows old and large.

As to Peace River foxes, I will quote Mr. James A. Kane, of 172 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, N.Y., who says: "The rancher who buys Peace River foxes for his foundation stock or introduces them into his ranch, does much to insure his success. Peace River foxes have never been a drug on the market, they have always been recognized as superior foxes."

I am only too glad to welcome enthusiastic additions to the fox breeders on Vancouver Island, and have every confidence that despite the risks run, the industry may be made a paying one, but I advise buying the cheap strong fox to start with, until something is known about the care of the animals by their keepers.

BEAUMONT BOGGS.

620 Broughton Street, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 24, 1925.

Diatomaceous Earth

Sir,—While in The Colonist office, yesterday, I took the liberty of removing a sample of this earth for microscopic examination. Its structure is very interesting in comparison with that of similar deposits from other parts of the world.

I have half a dozen slides of these, prepared at Royal College of Science, London, from material collected there from all the known deposits and should be glad to show them to anyone interested.

(MRS.) BERTHA JOHNSON.

1205 Fernwood Road, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 24, 1925.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Behold above, in midnight skies,
A gleaming, golden Star:
Long years ago three Wise Men saw
It's radiance from afar.

To where the Babe in Manger lay
They came with gifts and gold;
Tho' countless ages pass away—
The story ne'er grows old.

GERTRUDE EVELYN STEVENS

Granite Falls, Wash.

They Don't Blame Them as Much As They Envy Them

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—At a banquet given by Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ross to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of The Journal, Lieut.-Col. R. F. Parkinson told of his having, as a young reporter, seen Sir John MacDonald, looking very stately in his Windsor uniform.

"It was the first time I had ever seen Sir John," said Col. Parkinson, "and I got up close, and while I was standing near him he happened to be talking to a pretty girl. She was telling him that she admired a speech he had made, and I overheard his reply. 'My dear young lady,' he said, 'I would cheerfully give up all I have ever done to be again as young as you are.' I thought that just a bit of flattery then, but I guess that is the way most of us old fellows feel when we look back even from fine occasions like this."

Rob Piggly-Wiggly Store

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24. — An armed man held up and robbed K. W. Johnson, messenger for the Piggly-Wiggly Stores, of $1,050 last night as Johnson was making his collection rounds of the stores.

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Lead o'er that wondrous Orient slope;
While hosts on high, hosannahs sing
To Christ the Lord, their heavenly King.

Lo! Saints in adoration kneel,
And angel voices simply peal
The same sweet story that of old
The seraph to the shepherds told
How Christ within a manger lay,
Henceforth the Light, the Truth, the Way.

Lo! Thus he spoke, "On this fair morn
To you a Saviour, Christ, is born;
And such, behold! shall be the sign—
That He, the Holy Babe Divine
Lies in a lowly cattle shed,
'Neath Bethlehem's bright Star o'erhead."

Lo! Forth they sped—so let us speed,
Where they our faltering footsteps lead;
And with the cherubs sing as then
Of Peace on earth, Goodwill to men:
While all the choirs of Heaven ring
With praises to our newborn King.

O, Holy Babe, Who draweth nigh,
Grown dearer as the years go by—
Let starry Hope our anchor be;
And Faith our Lamp eternally
Fed by Thy Love, a living stream—
That Peace may dwell on earth supreme.

JEANNE VALDEZ.

Victoria, B.C., Christmas, 1925.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist of December 25, 1875)

From the Sound. The steamer North Pacific arrived at her berth yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from Port Townsend, at which place she had been detained for fifteen hours by the heavy gale which prevailed all along the Sound. She brought across seventy-five tons of freight, a mail, and the following passengers: Mrs. Monroe, Messrs. Scammon, White, Feigh, J. Rose, D. Monastas and wife, Collins, J. H. Price, Swan, three Indians and two Chinamen. The North Pacific will return to the Sound at 10 o'clock this morning.

Put Back. The barks Messenger, American Girl, and several other vessels which sailed from Port Ludlow and Port Blakely within the past few days were compelled to put back and seek refuge in the harbors of the Sound during the heavy gales lately.

The road across Cowichan Flats has been gullied by high water and is now impassible for teams.

Christmas 1925

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Obituary

NATHAN—The death occurred in this city last Tuesday of William Henry Nathan, of 2641 Forbes Street. He was born in London, England, and had been a resident of Victoria for the last thirty-five years. The late Mr. Nathan is survived by his widow and two daughters, Agnes and Harriet Nathan, both in Victoria. Deceased was a member of Court Vancouver, A.O.F. The body is resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, whence the funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 1:45, proceeding to Christ Church Cathedral, where service will be held at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

KOW—The funeral of the late Wong Chee Kow took place yesterday at 2:30 from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. Interment was made in the Chinese Cemetery.

MURRAY—Funeral service for the late Mrs. Isadore Ellen Murray will be conducted at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel Saturday afternoon at 3:15. The body will be laid to rest at Royal Oak Burial Park.

BOLDING—Funeral services were held yesterday morning over the remains of Mrs. Ruby May Bolding, wife of William Bolding. The cortege left the Sands Funeral Chapel at 8:50 o'clock, and ten minutes later Mass was celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral by Rev. Father Deeley. There were many friends in attendance and many beautiful flowers covered the casket. The remains were laid at rest in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

GLOVER—The funeral of the late Mrs. Alice Martha Glover, who passed away at the family residence, 2307 Howard Street, last Wednesday will take place on Monday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Lieut.-Colonel H. J. N. de Salis will officiate. Deceased was born in Barrie, Ontario, thirty-eight years ago, and has been a resident of this city for the past seven years. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Edward Glover, one son and one daughter, also her mother, Mrs. Annie Braden, at home, and one brother, Mr. A. W. Braden, in Vancouver. Interment will take place in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

Japanese Royalty Arranging Marriages

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The private engagements of several Princes and Princesses of the Blood have been announced and the official sanction of the Emperor is expected.

Prince Haruhito Kanin, Jr., son of Prince Kanin, is to marry Miss Naoko Ighijo, fourth daughter of the late Prince Saneteru Ichijo. Princess Hanako Kanin, sister of Prince Kanin, Jr., is to wed Prince Hironobu Fushimi, Jr., third son of Prince Hiroyasu Fushimi, and Prince Takehiko Yamashina, first son of the late Prince Kikumaro Yamashina and the only Prince attached to the Naval Air Corps, will take as his bride Princess Chikako Nashimoto, daughter of Prince Morimasa Nashimoto.

The three weddings have been planned for the Spring.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 24, 1925.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	47	52
Vancouver	48	52
Kamloops	32	34
Barkerville	32	32
Prince Rupert	44	51
Estevan	42	52
Atlin	12	26
Dawson, Y.T.	24b	2b
Calgary, Alta.	10	22
Winnipeg, Man.	4b	10
Portland, Ore.	46	52
San Francisco, Cal.	44	61
Seattle	50	56
Spokane	24	42
Penticton	22	40
Vernon	32	36
Nelson	20	21
Kaslo	23	27
Cranbrook	20	22
Edmonton	8	10
Prince Albert	4b	0
Swift Current	4	2
Qu'Appelle	2b	6

THURSDAY

Maximum	52
Minimum	47
Average	50
Minimum on the grass	46

Bright sunshine, 1 hour, 42 minutes.

General state of the weather, fair.

FORECAST

Victoria and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and a little colder.

Vancouver and Vicinity—Generally fair and a little colder.

8 P.M. Weather Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 30.26; wind, N., 6 miles; fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.28; wind, E., 4 miles; cloudy.

Kamloops — Barometer, 30.22, calm; cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.30, calm, rain.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.08; calm, cloudy.

Estevan—Barometer, 30.22; wind, S.E., 8 miles; rain.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.22, wind, E., 22 miles; cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.22, wind, N., 4 miles, foggy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.24, wind, N., 4 miles; cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.16, wind, N.W., 4 miles, cloudy.

The Freemasons of Victoria and district have been invited by W. Bro. F. A. P. Chadwick to attend Divine Service at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, on the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist, Sunday, December 27th, at 7:30 p.m.

The special preacher will be the Most Rev. A. U. DePencier, Archbishop of New Westminster, and R.W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Seats will be reserved for Freemasons and their families until 7:15 p.m. No regalia will be worn.

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Former Empress Zita and Her Children

Zita, widow of the former Emperor of Austria-Hungary and her eight children exiled in Spain. She is said to still cherish the hope that the monarchy will be returned to power, and that her eldest son, Prince Otto, will inherit the crown.

Jubilee Hospital Christmas Tree Provides Splendid Entertainment

Annual Visitation of Santa Claus Last Evening Witnessed by Big Gathering of Little Patients and Big Patients, Doctors, Nurses and Friends

Christmas trees and Christmas concerts and Christmas dinners come so thick and fast at this time of year that it is very easy not to hear about all the celebrations that are taking place.

But there are many which are fixed annual functions, almost as changeless as the stars in their orbits so far as most folk know. One of these is the Jubilee Hospital's Christmas tree, which for many years has taken place on Christmas Eve, in the presence of the chairman and members of the board of directors, doctors, nurses, patients, ex-patients and interested friends of the institution.

Last night's was no exception, although there was a change of venue. Owing to the opening during the year of the new wing, the removal thereto of the children's ward patients, and the conversion of the former children's ward into accommodation for the men patients, the Christmas tree entertainment, which for many years has taken place in the children's ward, was transferred to the Nurses' Recreation Room. For those who have not been in the hospital for a long time it is almost like explaining a Chinese puzzle to unravel all the facts.

The Nurses' Recreation Room was, in other days, the Fleming Ward, and has certain advantages as a concert hall. The programme was, in consequence, one of the most elaborate ever given in connection with the tree, and afforded the big audience some thoughtful moments as well as abundant fun before the culminating event of the evening, the distribution of gifts off the tree.

The Programme

The programme opened with a tableau entitled "Nativity," by the probationers. It was beautifully done. The juniors gave the musical part which followed, piano solo, Miss Lorna Coburn; recitation, Miss Jeanette Miller; solo, Miss Netta Parfitt; bones, Master Irwin Belford.

Half an hour was entertainingly filled with a play entitled "The Mere Man," the cast including the Misses Bessie Chell, Elise Oliver, Jeanette Miller, Emma Collett, Maeford Kerr, Pearl Barbour, Hilda Pelly and Florence McKibbon.

The intermediates revealed a unique artist in Miss B. Jones, who gave a whistling solo which would have been well received as a Metropolitan variety turn. The artist was encored. Miss Viola Naff gave a witty recitation, and the concluding episode was a screamingly funny turn entitled "The Awkward Squad."

Mr. George McGregor, chairman of the board of directors, acted as chairman, and other members of the board who were present were Messrs. Forman, Roberts, Harvey, Drake, G. H. Brown and Mrs. Rhodes. In the audience were also Ven. Archdeacon Laycock and Mrs. Laycock, Rev. Mr. Nunns, Rev. A. deB. Owen, and several doctors, including Dr. T. Miller, Dr. Hudson, and the medical superintendent of the hospital, Dr. Pearse.

Presents Distributed

In the audience were many patients in their wheel chairs, and all the intervening space was crowded with spectators, so that Santa Claus (Rev. A. de B. Owen) found some difficulty in making his entrance. After shaking hands with Mr. McGregor, he proceeded to distribute the gifts from the beautifully decorated tree, which he did with the greatest good humor. Half a dozen nurses assisted, and within twenty minutes his duties were over.

The whole hospital was gaily decorated with evergreens and flowers and colored lights, not a single floor or corridor or ward being neglected, thanks to the activities of numerous kind friends. The Junior W. A., of which Miss Irma Macdonald is president, decorated the public wards and put a present on the tree for each patient in the hospital. The Marguerite Chapter, I.O.D.E. decorated the tree in the doctors' reception-room; and the solariums on the first, second and third floors respectively were decorated by the Native Daughters, the Women's Institute and the Margaret Rocke Robertson Chapter. The Women's Canadian Club decorated a tree in their endowment room, and put a present there for each patient. The Jubilee Alumnae did the same in their ward.

T.B. Patients

The Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., decorated the T.B. ward, and are also giving the patients dinner there tomorrow.

Following their usual custom, the Daughters of Pity took charge of the little patients' Christmas, decorating both wards and also the big tree from which Santa Claus last evening distributed his gifts. Mrs. Selden Humphreys and Miss Dola Dunsmuir presented a gift for each boy and girl.

The hospital has never had so many generous presents or so much help as this year. Mrs. Curtis Sampson sent a quantity of fruit and presents for the soldier patients; Mrs. Fleming decorated the Fleming Ward and also brought a gift from the Red Cross for each soldier; Mrs. Risser sent a gift for each T.B. patient; Miss Mara and Mrs. Walker, of the New Thought Sunday School, sent smokes and candy.

The nurses' Christmas dinner, with the exception of the turkey, has been contributed by the Hospital Auxiliary, and the board of directors sent candy for the tree. Other friends to whom the hospital is grateful include Mr. F. Pemberton, whose big consignment of holly has made it possible to put quantities of the gay berries in each room and hallway.

Begg Company Starts on Site

Clearing Ground for Garage and Showrooms Is Under Way Preparatory to Building

In preparation for the new building that is to be erected by the Begg Motor Company on Quadra Street, demolition of the houses hitherto occupying the site is in progress. Plans for the two-storey permanent structure, which will contain show rooms, garage quarters and repair shops, are being prepared in anticipation of an early start in the New Year.

The location on Quadra Street which will be built upon by the Begg Company extends from Yates to View Street and will occupy the whole of the frontage on Quadra. The building will be up-to-date in every way for the purpose to which it is to be put.

Up to the present time a row of residential buildings has occupied the space. These places are being torn down and the debris burned. In a short time the space will be all cleared ready for the erection of the business block to replace the old structures.

Union Oil Company Will Not Commence Reserve Wharf Yet

No decision has been reached by the Union Oil Company, it was stated last evening, with regard to the improvement of the lots on the Industrial Reserve leased some time ago for wharfage purposes. While the acquisition was made for the purpose of removing the plant to a more convenient location than the present one at Viewfield Road, Esquimalt, the company has not yet announced when it will proceed to develop the leased property.

Insane Dane Dies of Exposure in Far North

SEWARD, Alaska, Dec. 24.—Herbert Peterson, twenty-four-year-old Dane, died in a dory after friends found him wandering naked around his cabin in freezing weather. He was violently insane, when found at Uyak Bay, on Kodiak Island, approximately 250 miles southwest of here, his friends said here today. Peterson formerly lived in Seattle, where his family is supposed to be. For the last year he had been trapping, prior to which time he worked in the Kennecott Mines and on the clam beaches.

Member for Point Grey In the Boys' Parliament

BERT BAILEY

Minister of Finance in the Boys' Parliament, who was elected recently at Point Grey. Bert was formerly from the Victoria division, and is now attending the University of British Columbia.

Boys Arriving Here on Monday

Annual Parliamentary Session of British Columbia Youths Starts in Evening

Hon. Dr. MacLean, Provincial Minister of Finance, will act as Lieutenant-Governor at the opening ceremonies attending the commencement of the 1925 session of the Boys' Parliament to be held in the Assembly Chamber, Parliament Buildings, next week. Forty-one boys, representing all districts of the Province, will attend the session, and many matters respecting boys' work will be debated. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the meetings which commence at 8 o'clock Monday evening, and the Ladies' Gallery of the Chamber has been reserved for those attending by special invitation.

Motorcars have been placed at the service of visiting boys, and from 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon until 3 o'clock, the representatives will be taken on a tour of the Capital City. The boys will be the guests of the Victoria Round Table Club at dinner later in the day.

As in former years, it is expected that a keen interest will be aroused in the work of the Older Boys' Parliament. The boys represent either Tuxis groups, or Trail Rangers. It is emphasized by the Boys' Work Board that this is in no sense a mock parliament, discussing issues over which the boys have no control, but a serious discussion of real issues, which concern boys' work in the churches, and the Young Men's Christian Associations in the Province.

Many Hampers Go To Needy Families

Salvation Army, Friendly Help, Daughters of Pity, Churches Assist Christmas Dinners

The Salvation Army Headquarters have been busy for days preparing the Christmas hampers which will be sent out to those who would otherwise have a cheerless Christmas. Each hamper contains a six-pound roast of beef, eight pounds of potatoes, four pounds of carrots, half a pound of tea, three pounds of sugar, a tin of milk, two loaves of bread, one pound of butter, an iced Christmas cake, rolled oats, apples, oranges, nuts, candy, raisins, and the Salvation Army magazine, "The War Cry."

This organization supplies a Christmas dinner to men who have no homes, while dinner tickets have been issued to the men who live at the hostel. There is a good deal of unemployment in the city, the organization reports, and the local branch of the Army has been doing its best to see that every family gets its share of Christmas cheer.

Strangers' Rest

At the Strangers' Rest on Government Street, there will be a good old-fashioned Christmas dinner, after which the guests will enjoy a jolly evening in the reading-room. There is a cheery atmosphere of Yuletide gladness and festivity in the Strangers' Rest this year, and all the guests are assured of a homelike Christmas.

The Friendly Help Rooms in the Market Building, when visited by a Colonist reporter yesterday, were humming with the activities of busy helpers, who were sorting provisions, addressing hampers, and sending them off to over 200 families in the city. The Boy Scouts have been most useful helping with the delivery of the hampers, the James Bay and St. Mary's troups doing good work.

Cathedral Gift Tree

Christ Church Cathedral was the scene of a special Christmas service last evening, when an illuminated Christmas tree placed in the chancel was heaped with gifts for the poor and needy. Hundreds of children and adults brought their offerings and placed them round the tree. Carols and familiar Christmas hymns were sung, and Mr. Merrix gave a short address with the spirit of Christmas giving as its theme. After the service the parcels were sorted and sent out to the various families in the parish by a busy band of packers. Many kind friends lent their cars and assisted with the delivery of the parcels.

The Daughters of Pity made up a certain number of Christmas hampers again this year for distribution to needy families. Nearly all the churches, through their Young People's organizations or Adult Societies, have had some cases in their own congregations which have been made a special care at Christmas time, and to whom supplies of clothing, toys, and even Christmas dinners have been sent.

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Ottawa Sends Greetings To Canada Defence Force

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Greetings and good wishes have been extended by the Minister of National Defence to the defence forces of Canada. The following message was issued today:

"I desire to thank and congratulate the officers, non-commissioned officers and the men of the Canadian Defence for their loyal service and support during the last year. I feel that all ranks have taken advantage fully of the opportunity available to become as efficient as possible under existing conditions of such training. The enthusiasm shown in overcoming the recognized differences is deeply appreciated and is a happy omen for the future efficiency of our forces.

"I send to all who serve my cordial greetings and good wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

"(Signed) E. MACDONALD,
"Minister of National Defence."

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City & District

Victoria Public Library—The Victoria Public Library will be closed all day today, Christmas, but will be open as usual on Saturday.

Sixteenth Battalion "At Home"—Sergeant's and men's messes, 1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.E.F.), Canadian Scottish, will be "At Home" on Friday, January 1, 1926, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Will Be Candidate—Councillor Edwards, of Oak Bay, will stand for re-election for a seat on the Council. His candidature will not be conditional on endorsation by the Oak Bay Municipal Voters' League, as he intends definitely to be in the field.

Death of Native Son—The many friends of Lloyd Dickinson will hear with regret of his passing away at Miami, Florida, on December 21. He was a native son, the fifth son of the late Mrs. Edward Dickinson, and was well known here.

Query on Situation—A letter has been received from the Duncan City Council by the B.C. Electric Railway officials here, asking for the company to come to an early conclusion with regard to the plan to extend the upIsland line for power purposes. The details of the situation were explained in The Colonist on Thursday.

Many Inquiries—Three thousand inquiries have been made and answered at the reference department of the Carnegie Public Library during 1925, according to an annual report submitted to Mayor J. Carl Pendray. The circulation of books continues to increase, the daily average being much higher than the 1924 figure.

The Unbidden Guest—An unbidden guest made its way into the kitchen of 20 Menzies Street on Wednesday evening just about dark, with fatal result. Whether it was attracted by sight of Christmas turkey, or whether the bright lights were its undoing cannot be told, for the little hawk which made the unexpected visit at Christmastide paid for its intrusion with its life.

Age of Beer—In a letter appearing in The Colonist a few days ago a correspondent, Mr. D. G. Hughes, asked if the date perforated on bottled beer labels showed the age of the beer. The Victoria Phoenix Brewing Company informs this newspaper for Mr. Hughes' information, and for the information of the public generally, that the perforation shows the date of bottling only, after the beer is sufficiently matured.

Rotary Meeting—Members of the Victoria Rotary Club were recipients of Christmas remembrances at their weekly luncheon yesterday at noon in the Empress Hotel ballroom. Each Rotarian brought a present to the meeting, which in turn was given to another member. Progress on the arrangements for the big Christmas tree for poor kiddies of the city which will take place next Wednesday in the Chamber of Commerce, was reported.

Christmas Party Set—The regular Christmas party of the Royal Society of St. George has been arranged to take place on Tuesday next. The entertainment committee, under the leadership of Mr. D. Fletcher, completed its arrangements at a meeting held a few days ago, and the following artists have promised to contribute: Mrs. Edward Parsons, Miss M. Piercy; Miss M. Porrable, Miss M. North, Mr. Picard, Dr. Douglas Park, Mr. Jim Bryant, Mr. Stanley Deaville and Mr. Edward Parsons. Refreshments will be served. The games will be in charge of Mrs. George Hartley, Mrs. B. G. Ruddock and Miss Hayman. Dancing will follow. Cards will be provided for those who do not wish to dance. The party will be held in the Conservative Club Rooms, Campbell Building, commencing at 8 p.m.

Pest Threatens To Destroy Corn Crop of Canada

European Corn Borer Now Lurking in Ontario Fields—Million Per Acre Waiting for Spring

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Owing to the continued spread of the European corn borer, the corn crop of the whole of North America is in danger.

This declaration is made in a statement issued by Arthur Gibson, Dominion entomologist, of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

"This dreaded caterpillar," says Mr. Gibson in his statement, "which feeds upon every part of the plant, has spread like wild fire during the last two years, and already has completely destroyed large fields of corn in Western Ontario.

Million Per Acre

"It is estimated that as many as a million caterpillars may now be present in an acre field where corn was grown in 1925, all awaiting Spring when they will revive, eventually developing into the moth state and extending the damage by flying to nearby fields growing corn.

"So far as Canada is concerned, Ontario is the only province interested as yet, but the pest has spread into Ohio and Michigan and undoubtedly will soon reach the great corn belt of the United States. What this will mean can hardly be realised. Efforts are being made in Canada and the United States to forestall the pest."

United States Not Alarmed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Ravages of the European corn borer, while potentially dangerous, are not as acute in the United States, in the opinion of Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology of the Department of Agriculture, as they are described in Canada. Dr. Howard made clear that in this country there was no present ground for a scare, because of the pest.

Plotting in Ecuador

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 24.—Discovery of separate Liberal and Conservative plots against the Government was known officially by the Government yesterday. Wholesale arrests of conspirators continue. All were sent by steamer to Callao, Peru. Foreign Minister Jose Rafael Bustamante has resigned and his resignation has been accepted.

Historic British Mansion, Burned Yesterday, Recalls Ghostly Spectre

Seat of the Lyttletons for Four Hundred Years Was Associated With Thomson, Shenstone and Pope—Spirit Summons to Second Lord in 1779

WORCESTER, Eng., Dec. 24.—Viscount Cobham, his son and four daughters, and several guests, had a narrow escape early this morning when fire destroyed Hagley Hall, near Stourbridge, which for four centuries had been the family seat.

The old hall contained priceless heirlooms and valuable old paintings and books, which were lost.

A faulty furnace flue is blamed for the blaze.

The Building

The mansion stood on an easy rising ground, surrounded by lawns. The building was quadrangular with a square tower at each angle. A handsome double flight of steps led to the hall which contained a well executed white marble chimney-piece, supported by two figures of Hercules, as well as numerous art treasures such as "The Courtship of Diana by Pan," in relievo by Vasari; busts of Rubens and Vandyke, by Rysbrach, and casts of Bacchus, Venus and Mercury. Its chief interest comes from association with the poets, Thomson, Shenstone and Pope.

An extensive collection of pictures included portraits of the Countess of Exeter, by Vandyke; the Countess of Suffolk, Duke of Monmouth, Sir W. Fairfax and other notables, by Lely; Oliver Cromwell, uncertain, and many others of note. The drawing-room was hung with Gobelins tapestry and contained a number of famous portraits by Ramsay. Distributed throughout the other rooms were a "Dead Christ With Two Marys," by Vandyke; "A Holy Family," by Poussin; "Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery," by Paul Veronese; with specimens of Jansen.

Ghost Story

Probably one of the best known ghost stories recorded in England surrounds one of Viscount Cobham's ancestors, the second Lord Lyttelton, who died in 1779. The story is told in Sir Bernard Burke's "Romance of the Aristocracy," in part:

"On the evening of November 24, 1779, somewhat worse than he had been for some time, Lord Lyttelton retired to bed at an earlier hour than usual. His servant had not left him long when Lord Lyttelton, who still conceived himself to be awake, was disturbed by a gentle fluttering of wings about his chamber. While he yet listened, he was still more struck by the sound of footsteps approaching his bed. Astonished at these noises in such a place and hour, he raised himself up in bed to learn what it all meant, and was surprised beyond measure at the sight of a lovely female, dressed in white, with a small bird perched, falcon-like, upon her head. While he was struggling for words, the figure addressed him, in a grave authoritative tone, commanding him to prepare himself, for that he would shortly die. The delivery of an articulate message, however dreadful the message itself might be, banished in some degree the elements of terror which the vision at first inspired, and Lyttelton now found words to inquire how long he might expect to live. The vision then replied, "Not three days, and you'll depart at the hour of twelve."

Believed It a Dream

"After he arose in the morning all the details were as fresh in his mind as if they had occurred the minute before. In the morning his lordship felt his dream a burden to him, and communicating his distress and describing its cause, he gathered his friends around him to dispel his fears, and they succeeded temporarily in ridiculing him into unbelief. He succeeded to buoy up his spirits enough to attend the House of Lords and deliver two speeches with all his accustomed brilliancy. This feat proved too much for him, and he returned home much worse than he had been when he left.

"The third day had come now, the second having passed pretty much as the first. The time, as on the two previous days, was passed in alternations of despondency and confidence, in accordance with the predominance in his mind of his own broodings or the revels of his friends. At dinner he seemed to rally and after the cloth was removed exclaimed: 'Richard's himself again.'

"As the night wore on, however, the lights of his temporary illumination seemed gradually to die out, and gloom seemed again to settle down upon him.

"His friends used every precaution to prevent him from becoming the victim of what many of them considered to be a disordered imagination. They had all put their watches half an hour forward and altered Lyttelton's own watch, as well as all the clocks and watches in the house.

"At what his lordship believed to be half-past eleven, though in reality only eleven o'clock, he complained of weariness and retired to his bedroom. He now showed great uneasiness, kept his valet with him in the room and was observed to consult his watch frequently and anxiously. At length when it was within a minute or two of twelve by the altered time, he asked to see his servant's watch and seemed pleased to find it corresponded with his own. He then held them, the one after the other, to his ear, and appeared highly gratified to find they were both 'going'.

Death Supervenes

"It was now a quarter past twelve, as he imagined, when he exclaimed to his servant, 'This mysterious lady is not a true prophetess, I find. Give me my medicine; I'll wait no longer.'

"On this errand the servant went to the dressing-room adjoining, but after a minute's absence he thought he heard his master breathing unusually hard. He at once returned to the bedroom and found that the prophetic vision had been a true one and that his lordship was in the agonies of death. He instantly raised the alarm, and at his summons members of the household hurried into the room; but they were in time only to witness the painful parting of soul and body. It was subsequently found that his lordship had died of disease of the heart."

Midnight Mass Is Impressive Rite

Services Held Both at St. Andrew's Cathedral and at St. Joseph's Hospital

Midnight mass was celebrated last night not only at St. Andrew's Cathedral, which was packed for the two-hour service, but also at the chapel of St. Joseph's Hospital, where Rev. Father Vullingha officiated.

This was but a part of the celebration of Christmas at the hospital. The whole place has been lavishly decorated with holly and cedar and ivy, and the chapel is lovely with masses of fresh hothouse blooms, which have been sent by numerous friends.

There will be a celebration of Christmas mass at eight o'clock this morning for those of the patients who wish and are able to attend. Rev. Father Sobry will officiate. Benediction service will take place this afternoon.

On the patients' breakfast trays this morning there will be a card of greeting from the Sisters. Each of the wards enjoys its own little Christmas tree, decorated by the Sisters and members of the nursing staff.

Hanging Stockings A Solemn Ritual

At Orphanage and Children's Aid Big Preparations Made Last Night for Santa

The hanging of stockings was a solemn ritual both at the B. C. Protestant Orphanage and the Children's Aid last evening. In both places the annual Christmas tree does not "occur" until next week, on Wednesday afternoon in each instance. But in the meantime Santa was to make a flying visit to attend to the filling of the stockings, which he did with dispatch last evening.

There are forty children at the Orphanage, and thirty-two at the Children's Aid. The procedure was much the same at each place. The little children were put to bed very early, soon forgetting to be excited over the prospect of Father Christmas' coming. Thanks to the generosity of the B. C. Telephone girls the stockings at the Children's Aid are particularly well supplied, as these young business women clubbed together and sent a very nice present for each youngster.

Christmas dinner at the Orphanage will be served at twelve o'clock today and will have all the customary delights in the shape of turkey, plum pudding, mince pies, nuts and candy.

The Rotary Club

The great children's event of the coming week will be, of course, the Rotary Club tree next Wednesday afternoon.

But there are several other trees, including that which the Canadian Legion is giving on Wednesday afternoon from three to six at their rooms, 1406 Douglas; the Army and Navy Veterans' tree on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, and the Veterans of France tree on Tuesday afternoon at three. About 300 children are expected to attend the Army and Navy Veterans' affair, and a slightly smaller number the Veterans of France. The Great War Veterans have already held their tree.

These veterans' organizations are observing Christmas in other ways. At six o'clock this evening the Veterans of France are serving a Christmas dinner for about fifty bachelor members who have no homes of their own. The president, Mr. Frank Cameron, will be in the chair, and there is a programme of speeches and music prepared.

The Canadian Legion held its entertainment last evening. It took the form of an impromptu concert arranged around the presentation of sports prizes by President Robert Macnicol, assisted by the secretary, Mr. H. P. Thorpe, and the chairman of the sports committee, Mr. H. G. Thatcher. The place is beautifully decorated for Christmas and everyone entered thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion.

Jones: "You're looking fed up?"
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Jones: "Well, who won?"
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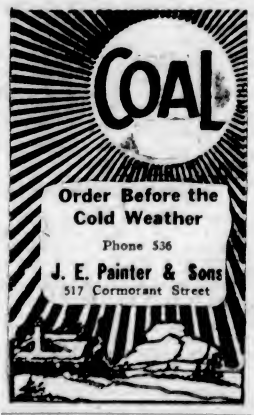

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Tolmie School Holds Concert

Successful Feature Is Staged by Pupils, Who Give Two Presentations

The pupils of the Tolmie School held its annual school concert in St. Mark's hall last week, Mr. Butts occupied the chair on Wednesday evening and Mr. H. P. Thorpe on Thursday evening. On both occasions the hall was filled to capacity with an appreciative audience.

The proceedings were opened by the pupils of Division I singing "The Might With the Right," in three parts. This division later sang "God Speed the Right," also in three parts. Both were well received.

Division II rendered two of the best items on the programme. In the first, three charming young maidens were, while their charms were being eulogized in song, as if by some talismanic touch, transformed into the "Three Old Maids of Lee." The song then changed amid expressions of surprise and peals of laughter. The second item, "Felix Kept on Walking," was evidently very acceptable, especially with the more youthful members of the audience.

One of the most brilliant hits of the evening was given by the Christy Minstrel Troup from Division III. The class, attired in their realistic garbs, delighted the audience with their spontaneous gaiety and abandonment. The interlocutor, Gordon Wright, needed only a water melon to render his make-up perfect. May Lumley and Richard Cummins, in their singing, revealed voices of uncommon sweetness, while Richard Lapp played his part as "Bones" cleverly and sang his amusing solo well.

Two Oriental numbers were given by the pupils of Division IV. The boys in Chinese costumes sang and portrayed "Chin Chin Chinaman" very well. The girls in dainty kimonos made a striking color scheme in "The Smartest Geisha in Japan." Muriel Allen and Catherine Craig danced gracefully during this number. Phoebe Riddle and Catherine Craig recited, and their rendering of the pieces showed they possessed elocutionary talent not often found so well developed in such youthful artists.

The only play on the bill was admirably acted by the tiny tots of Division V, who depicted in a charming manner numerous characters of Fairyland. Among these were "The Fairy Queen," "The Milkmaid and Her Page," "Wee Willie Winkie" and "Jack Horner." The fairy dance delighted the audience.

The colorful effect achieved by the girls of Division VI as "Rainbow Fairies," in their dainty dance and song was much admired, and the singing of little Christine Honeychurch as Fairy Queen was listened to with evident pleasure. "The Tinkers' Song," given by the boys of this grade, was realistically acted and sung with vim and gusto.

The Dutch song and dance given by Division VII was effective and much enjoyed. One of the best received items of the evening was that given by "The Gloomy Gloops," twelve boys who acted the parts of world-weary mortals, and brought forth peals of laughter.

The Irish song and dance rendered by Division VIII was a striking and highly appreciated display. Frances McDonald and Theresa Pits, two very youthful soloists, proved to have especially sweet voices. A repeat was demanded so as not to be disregarded.

The recipe from ten little girls of Division IX in a song entitled "Christmas Cooks" was much appreciated, and nine boys executed a mask drill, a most amusing item which kept the house in roars of laughter and elicited very hearty applause and an insistent encore.

The principal explained that the proceeds of the two entertainments were to go to the purchase of a piano for the advantage of the pupils of this school.

Two Institutes Unite in Dance And Entertainment

KEATING, Dec. 24.—The annual entertainment of the South Saanich Farmers' and Women's Institutes took the form of a country store, concert and dance, and was held in Temperance Hall on Friday evening. The gaily decorated hall was filled to capacity, and the lucky prize contests in charge of the following ladies, did a rushing business: Christmas cake, Mrs. Nimmo; turkey, Mrs. Randall; ham, Mrs. Hafer; hand-made wool comforter, Mrs. F. Young, and dressed doll, Misses Blanche Sherring and Margaret Michell. A home-made candy stall also did a good business, and was in charge of members of the Junior Institute Club and Mrs. Sherring.

The evening's festivities commenced with a short concert, the programme being in charge of Mesdames Styan, Wood and J. J. Young, and Messrs. W. D. Michell, G. Spencer and W. Ibbetson, and was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Lillian Styan; song, Mrs. McCallum; comic song, Mr. G. Menelaws; vocal duet, Mrs. Styan and Mr. Somerville; song, Miss Blanche Sherring; song, Mrs. McCallum; comic song and monologue, Mr. G. Menelaws. Miss L. Styan and Mrs. Menelaws acted as accompanists during the execelent programme. Two delightful dance numbers by Miss Dorothy Wood were also much enjoyed.

Dancing to music supplied by Pitts' two-piece orchestra, then commenced and continued until 2 a.m., during which time a dainty supper was served by the following committee: Mesdames McKenzie and E. T. Lawrie and Mr. Butler and Mr. Styan.

In the tearoom a progressive 500 card game, in charge of Mesdames Gold and Gale was enjoyed by the non-dancers, the winners in this being: Highest men's, Mr. George Warner; highest women's, Mrs. J. Winter; consolation prizes went to Miss M. McCarthy and Mr. A. Anderson.

Great excitement was caused after supper by the drawing for the numerous and useful tombola prizes, which were the wares of the country store, which occupied a prominent position on the stage. The committee responsible for the arrangement and disposal of the wares were Mesdames W. D. Michell, H. Lawrie and Sherring, and Messrs. Michell and G. Spencer.

The committee wishes to thank the merchants and others who so kindly donated to the country store.

The drawing for the lucky prizes commenced about 1 a.m., and the winners were: Christmas cake, Mrs. T. Young; turkey, Mr. Albert Hafer; ham, Mr. J. Winter; wool comforter, Miss Clara Cruse (Prospect Lake); dressed doll, Mr. Harold Bate.

The institutes wish to thank the donors and all those who assisted in any way to make the affair such a success.

Special Christmas service will be held in the South Saanich United Church on Sunday morning next at 11 o'clock. A special Christmas sermon will be given by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lees, and seasonable music will be given.

Christmas Tree Held With Concert

Attractive Programme Had Been Arranged for South Saanich United Church

KEATING, Dec. 24.—The annual Christmas tree and concert of the South Saanich United Church Sunday school was held in the church on Tuesday evening, with a large and appreciative audience in attendance. The church had been prettily decorated for the occasion and made a pretty setting for the various numbers. Mr. W. McClure, sr., made a capable chairman for the following programme: Opening hymn, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," congregation; opening chorus, "Glad Christmas Bells," school; recitation, "A Voice for Santa," Donald Gunn; recitation, "Papa's Darling," Patsy Gray; duet, "Telling Santa," Leta Styan and Eileen Young; exercise, "Christmas Clothesline," primaries; duet, "Norway and Sweden," Dennis and Alice Styan; recitation, "Good Enough," Eileen Young; recitation, selected, Florence Anderson; chorus, "Big Bells," school; recitation, "Advertising," two girls and one boy; recitation, "Christmas Tree Farm," Moore Ferguson; solo, "Christmas Carol," Sadie Patterson; dialogue, "Santa's Boys," intermediates and primaries; reading, "Little Gotelle's Christmas," Alma Heyer; chorus, "Waking Out of Silence," school; recitation, selected, Morris Kersy; duet, "Beautiful Christmas Eve," Ida Heyer and Sadie Patterson; tableaux, "Living Christmas Tree," school; closing hymn, "Angels From the Realms of Glory," congregation; chairman's remarks.

Each number on the excellent and varied programme showed careful training and Miss L. Deering, Mrs. W. McClure and others in charge deserve great credit for the way the programme was arranged.

Great excitement was caused by the arrival of Santa Claus, who distributed the Christmas gifts among the many excited little folks.

Delicious refreshments were served by a capable committee, the enjoyment of which brought a happy evening to a close.

Mayor Mutter Urged To Accept Nomination For Third-Year Term

DUNCAN, Dec. 24.—A petition is in circulation urging Mayor Mutter to permit his name to be placed in nomination for the office he now holds at the coming civic election. Mayor Mutter is just completing his second term of office, and was elected by acclamation last year.

Miss Moninna McKenna, of Victoria, has been appointed to a position on the staff of the Duncan Consolidated School. Miss McKenna has been acting as a substitute teacher for several years past for the Victoria and Oak Bay School Boards.

At a meeting of the North Cowichan Municipal School Board, held here this morning, Miss E. M. Greig, of Duncan, was appointed to the vacancy on the teaching staff for the Genoa Bay School.

Successful Musical Candidates Announced

Accompanying is a list of successful candidates at this centre in the November examinations of The Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music held in November last: Regina Lutz, ornaments; Isabelle R. Mildenhall, ornaments; Doris Woollison, ornaments; Reginald A. Wood, rudiments; Trevor Fisher, rudiments; Gladys D. Cooper, rudiments; Hazel A. Clyde, rudiments; Asgot T. D. G. Archbold, grammar of music, Alice L. Dougan, grammar of music, Claire J. Macauley, grammar of music; Gertrude B. Watson, grammar of music.

Brentwood Sees Fine Entertainment

BRENTWOOD, Dec. 23. — The North Saanich Social Club gave an attractive programme in the Institute Hall, Brentwood, on Monday evening, December 21. Owing to the inclement weather, there was not as large a crowd as usual.

All the items on the programme were good, but owing to the lengthy programme, encores were dispensed with. The clear enunciation of the children was particularly noticeable. The various costumes were very affective in design and color. The programme consisted of: Pianoforte solo, Miss Gertrude Straight; "Fairy Prisoners," a sketch; scene I, recitation, Miss Jennie Nicholet; pianoforte solo, Miss Kathleen Lowe; "Fairy Prisoners," scene II; song, "The Admiral's Broom," Mr. Loomer; recitation, Miss Rita Goare, pantomime, "Red Riding Hood," scene I, the Fairy Dell, duet, "The Two Bells"; pianoforte solo, Miss H. Cochrane; "Red Riding Hood," scene II, The Village Green; Highland Fling, Miss Mollie Clarke; comic song, "Never More," Mr. O. Thomas; "Red Riding Hood," scene III, In the Woods; recitation, Miss Rita Goare; "Meller Drammer," division I; duet, "They Won't Know We Come From the Country," Mr. O. Thomas and Mr. Bill Bosher; "Red Riding Hood," scene IV, In the Cottage.

After the programme supper, which was under the management of the members of the West Saanich Women's Institute, was served. Dancing was kept up until 4 a.m., the music being supplied by Mrs. George McLean.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Institute Hall, Brentwood, on Christmas Day at 8 a.m.

Elderly Actresses Add Interest to Season in London

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Three elderly actresses are adding color and interest to London's theatrical season.

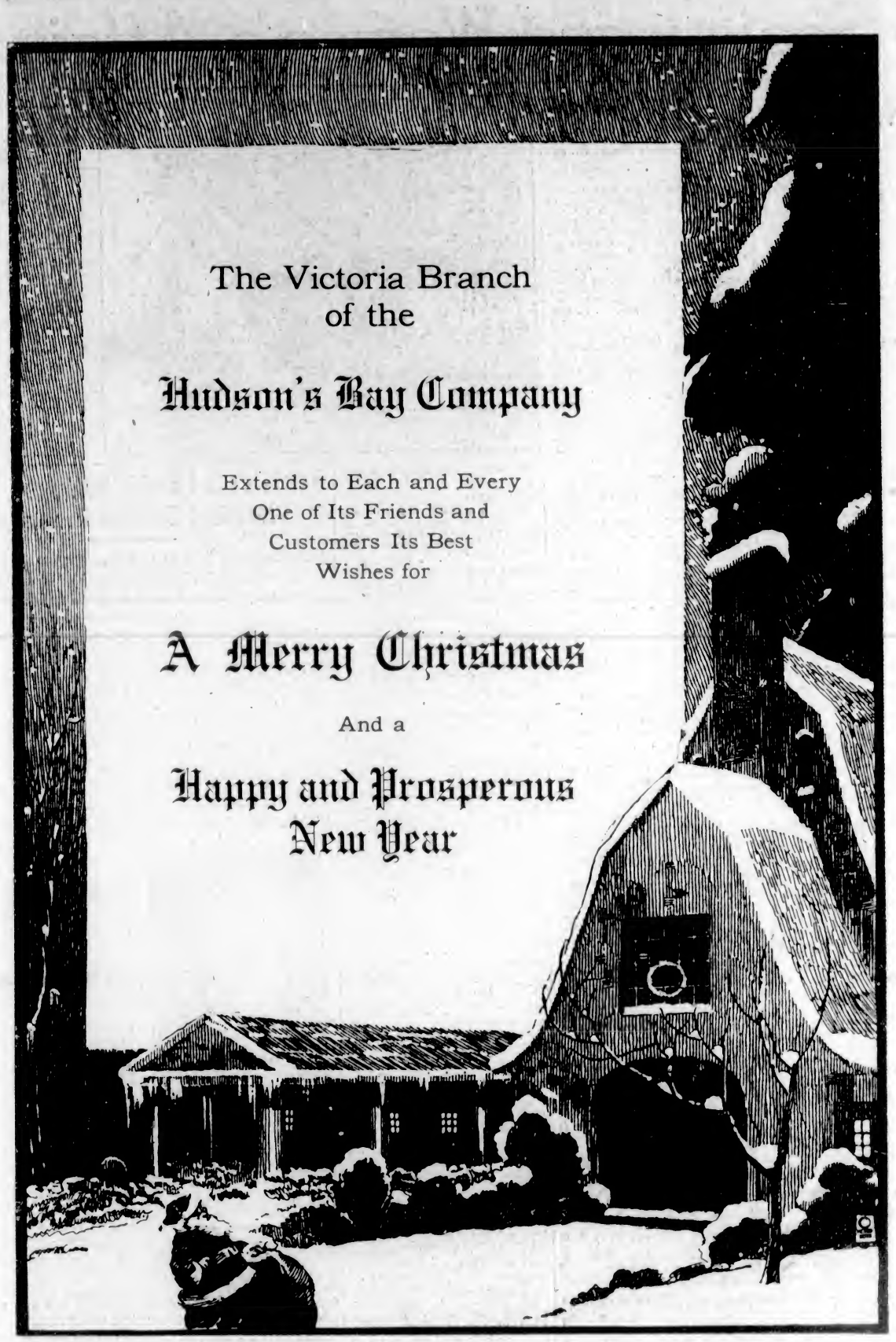
Lottie Venne, who sixty years ago came to the Haymarket, is appearing with Sir Gerald Du Maurier, Marie Tempest, Gladys Cooper and Henry Ainley in Barrie's "Shall We Join the Ladies?" at His Majesty's Theatre.

Seven years ago ill-health drove Elisaine Terriss from the stage, but she has returned and is starring with Seymour Hicks in "The Man in the Dress Clothes."

"An actor can never be happy without work—at least an old-time actor cannot," she said. "I am afraid the actors of the younger school think more about golf and society than they do the stage. There is a tendency nowadays for actors to walk through their parts in the easiest way possible and avoid large theatres where they have to raise their voices and work really hard to get across."

Dame Ellen Terry, so well known through her many appearances with the late Sir Henry Irving, is not playing, but still is a frequent visitor to the theatres. Her eyes still have the sparkle which endeared her as Portia and she carries herself with the same regal grace which distinguished her work on the world stage for nearly half a century.

An inventor has increased the leverage of a rachet screw driver by giving it a pistol grip.



Good King Wenceslaus

The Hero of a Christmas Carol Whose Kindly Deeds Have Traveled Down the Ages

"Into countless millions of English keyholes and letterboxes childish voices, in the dark evenings of the Advent season, have sung the deed of charity that was done by good King Wenceslaus on the Feast of Stephen," writes Mr. Christopher Watts in The Contemporary Review. "It is a curious thing that this carol, which is no older than the Oxford Movement, should have taken so firm a hold on the English popular imagination; transplanting most successfully to English soil one of the oldest and most popular hero tales of Bohemia. It is as curious as would be the singing of a carol in praise of King Arthur by the children of Prague," adds Mr. Watts.

"This same good King Wenceslaus, whose mission of pity is sung year after year in English doorways, has been the centre for nearly a thousand years of religious and national cult in Bohemia and the other Slav provinces of the Czecho-Slovak Republic of today. Since the year 967, generation after generation has handed down this tradition; a story that is as vivid amongst the Slav peoples of Central Europe today as it was on that September day in 967, when before the eyes of the horrified Czechs the hand of the fratricide struck down their king at the steps of the church door."

Society of the Period

After describing the society of the period of the King and its conditions, Mr. Christopher Watts goes on to say:

"Had he existed some centuries later, the story of Wenceslaus might well have read as that of a pioneer of the Quaker movement. Whatever of religion there was in Bohemia appears to have been pagan. Feudalism at its crudest and unlovelliest flourished among the barons and landowners. And entrenched in their strongholds the local barons indulged their passions and human appetites, untouched and unrestrained by the humanising influences of Christianity.

"It is this rapacious and unbridled society, like a black and gloomy background, that tradition uses to throw into prominence the pure and lofty character of Wenceslaus. The constant preoccupation of the barons in acts of brigandage and war-making is contrasted with the pacific nature of Wenceslaus; his extraordinary personal affection for his people is made to stand out all the more clearly by the oppressions and exactions of his contemporaries.

Stories Wound Around Legend

"Around his pacifism and paternal regal affection legend has woven some of its most delicate and most touching stories. Plundering and robbery was the treatment dealt out to their people by the squires and local barons. But Wenceslaus goes about secretly at night, accompanied by a single attendant, carrying with his own hands such comforts as money, food, clothing, linen and fuel to the needy. . . .

"War was almost entirely abolished from Bohamia, but the sweeping away of paganism and the social righteousness that animated the conduct of Wenceslaus were, apparently, little to the liking of those members of his family whose personal interests were involved in the maintenance of the pagan regime. A considerable faction, to which both the religion and the standards of conduct of the old order offered obvious advantages, gathered round the king's brother, Vratislav, whose way of life found little use for either pacifism or social justice.

How the King Died

"The principle of non-resistance had become a dominating passion with Wenceslaus, which he carried to the point of heroism when, on a September day in 967, Vratislav with a considerable number of his supporters, met the king as he was about to enter a church. Evidently some plan had been arranged. But what is certain is that, on some pretext or other, Vratislav struck a blow at his brother the king, and Wenceslaus fell at the church porch mortally wounded.

"He refused to take the least action in his own defence, the national legend tells us, and preferred to die rather than lift a hand, or even seem to lift a hand, in an act of violence against a fellow creature. His death, in justification of his principles, became invested with sanctity and heroism, and his memoy is revered in Czecho-Slovakia every year on September 28, as the day of St. Wenceslaus, King and Martyr.

"That was nearly a thousand years ago, and the cry of horror that arose to the lips of the tiohemian people, as they saw their king struck down by the hand of the fratricide at the church steps, still survives to this day. In an ancient chanson of King Wenceslaus which has the invocation 'Do not leave us nor our children to perish'."

Outburst of Sorrow

"The chanson survives, not so much as an interesting literary relic as the echo of a spontaneous outburst of sorrow, wrung from the heart of the Czech people as they mourned the untimely death of their king and protector.

"His tomb may be seen today, enshrined in its beautiful chapel in Prague Cathedral. But amongst the Czech peasants there still persists an old legend that Wenceslaus sleeps, not in his tomb in Prague Cathedral, but in the heart of a mountain, where through the ages he will slumber profoundly until the day of danger and disaster arrives, when, surrounded by his knights, he will arise and come forth from the tomb to succour his people in the hour of their necessity.

"But it is not a little curious that this Bohemian contemporary of our own English Edgar the Peaceful should have his praise sung today by English children in English doorways, for his charity on the Feast of St. Stephen, that the most heroic figure in Czech national legend should have become nationalized in the folk songs of England."

Need There Be Any End or Any Beginning to World?

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sir Oliver Lodge, the great scientist, draw an awe inspiring picture of the possible future confronting the physical universe in reply to the question: "Will the world come to an end?" asked at the Charing Cross Medical School.

It would seem, he said, that the universe, as a vital and going concern, must have had a beginning and must have an end. The beginning was the formation of nebulae 200,000,000 years ago. The end would apparently be the disappearance of matter and the existence once more of ether filled with perpetual remnants of radiation traveling out in all directions towards infinity with the speed of light at a rate incomparably remote.

But was that the end? asked Sir Oliver. Need there be any end or any beginning? He doubted whether the idea of termination in any form was tenable and advanced the theory of the dust of the universe. Driven to the confines of space by the pressure of light, receiving the waste radiation, being ironized by it and chemical activity coming into full blast. Thus would begin once more the clash of atoms, the formation of nebulae, the birth of stars and ultimately of planets.

Society and Women's Affairs

Christmas Eve Party

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, "Mountjoy," entertained at a delightful dance last evening, when the guests included Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Yarrow, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bell, Major and Mrs. Engledue, Captain and Mrs. Thorpe-Doubble, Mr. and Mrs. Napier, Major and Mrs. Parr, Miss Sheila Parr, Miss Yoder Pemberton, Miss Napier, Major and Mrs. Langley, Miss Mary Langley, Mrs. Chapin, the Misses Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. Eric McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Reilly, Commander and Mrs. C. T. Nieles, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Matson, Mrs. Bridges, Miss Alice Pooley, Miss Betty Robertson, Miss Phyllis Barton, the Misses Streatfeild, the Misses Joy and Betty Phillips, Miss Myrtle Gale, the Misses Betty and Lucy Bryden, Miss Inez Ker, Miss Murdoch, Miss Peggy Hodgins, Miss Vivien Matson, Miss Margery Stirling, Miss V. Elderton, Mr. and Mrs. Hargrave, Lieutenant Mainguy, Lieutenant Grant, Messrs. Arthur McCallum, W. C. Merston, Robinson, Pat and Alec Parr, W. Pemberton, Randall and Rawdie Mathews, Nairn Robertson, Halford and Edward Elderton, Tommy Lampman, Millbank, Allen, G. Barton, T. Holmes, Jack Hargrave.

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Christmas Concert

The scholars of the Emmanuel Baptist Sunday School are holding their annual Christmas concert on Wednesday evening, December 30, commencing at 7:30, in the schoolroom. Under the direction of Mr. Fred Parfitt they will present a cantata entitled "The Christmas Glory," assisted by the Sunday School orchestra. In addition, several class items will be given, including dialogues, etc., also the primary exercises. Preceding the concert a banquet will be provided for the scholars, under the supervision of Mrs. C. Clapham and the Ladies' Aid.

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J.B.A.A. Dance

The James Bay Athletic Association will be hosts at one of their delightful dances this evening at the Empress Hotel. Dancing will be from 9:30 till 3 o'clock. The dance music will be played by the well-known Tickletoe orchestra, of Vancouver.

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To Vancouver

Mr. W. M. Lawrence and Miss Aileen Lawrence, Island Road, Oak Bay, left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver, where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lawrence. Miss Lawrence will return to the city on Monday morning.

Christmas in Vancouver

Mrs. T. W. Paterson and Mr. Gordon Paterson, Uplands, left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver, where they will spend the Christmas week-end with Mr. Paterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McD. Paterson.

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From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Gowen, jr., and their son, Master Napier Gowen, of Vancouver, are arriving in the city this morning and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Fennell and Mrs. May Waykis, Wilmer Street.

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Christmas Visitors

Dr. and Mrs. J. Ewart Gee, of Fernie; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Gee and Master Billy, of New Westminster, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gee, of Richmond Avenue.

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Christmas With Parents

Miss Jean Oldershaw, who has been attending school in Vancouver, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Oldershaw, 1422 Harrison Street.

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From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Yorke and infant son, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Oldershaw, 1422 Harrison Street.

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From Prince Rupert

Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay Alexander have arrived in the city from Prince Rupert to spend Christmas with Mrs. Alexander's parents, Captain and Mrs. Gosse, Belleville Street.

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Vancouver Visitor

Miss Babe Haines, of Vancouver, is arriving in the city on Monday, and will be the guest of Mrs. John Cadzow and her daughter, Miss Mollie Hamilton, Island Road, Oak Bay.

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From Port Fraser

Mr. Walter N. Campbell, forestry officer at Port Fraser, arrived in the city yesterday morning to spend Christmas with his parents, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, Fort Street.

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Vancouver Visitors

Mrs. J. J. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Johnson, of Vancouver, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boorman, 1804 Quamichan Street.

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Seattle Visitors

Mr. Charles S. Fraser is arriving in the city this morning from Seattle to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fraser, Vancouver Street.

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From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harper, of Vancouver, are visiting Mrs. Harper's mother, Mrs. Rome, Moss Street.

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Here for Christmas

Mr. Arthur Hamilton is arriving in the city this morning from Seattle and will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. John Cadzow, Island Road, Oak Bay.

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Seattle Visitor

Mrs. J. S. Gibon arrived in the city yesterday from Seattle and is the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Oakes, "The Oakes," Oak Bay.

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Arrived for Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Andrews have come over from Vancouver to spend the Christmas season with Mrs. Andrews' parents, Hon. and Mrs. S. F. Tolmie.

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Seattle Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Master William Harper, of Seattle, are visiting Mr. Harper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Harper, Ailsa Mansions, over the festive season.

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Here From Vancouver

Miss Elsie Collis, of the nursing staff of the Shaughnessy Heights Hospital, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Collis, Dunsmuir Road.

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Visiting Parents

Mrs. Cowley was a passenger from Vancouver on Thursday and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshawe, Richardson Street.

From Vancouver

Mr. Donald Hudson, of Vancouver, is spending Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Hudson, Monterey Avenue, Oak Bay.

To Cumberland

Miss Maude Gordon and Miss Nan Gordon left this morning by train for Cumberland, where they will spend the Christmas week-end.

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Returns to City

Mrs. A. McKeown, who has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scott, of Vancouver, has returned to the city.

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In New Westminster

Mrs. Handley Wells and her two daughters are spending the Christmas holidays with relations in New Westminster.

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Visits Daughter

Mrs. English, of New Westminster, is visiting in the city, and is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Chisholm Fraser, St. Charles Street.

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From Seattle

Mr. Prescott Oakes arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to spend the Christmas week-end with his family at "The Oakes," Oak Bay.

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At the Empress

Captain and Mrs. R. M. Crawford, of Vancouver, are visiting in the city, and are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Returns From Vancouver

Miss Peggy Gourlay, Granite Street, has returned to the city after visiting friends and relations in Vancouver.

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From Kimberley

Dr. Dorman, of Kimberley, is spending a few days in Victoria.

Christmas Day

By DILYS

The children, in a dream of bliss,
Run to the Christmas tree,
Exclaiming over that and this,
In ecstasies of glee.
See how they pull the crackers bright—
Such noisy pops and snaps!
And hear the laughter and delight
That greet the paper caps!

To Everyone We Wish

A Very Merry Christmas

Mallek's Limited

British Girl Pulls Strings Behind Scenes in Mosul Area

Miss Gertrude Bell Right Hand "Man" of King Feisal of Irak—Chief Representative of London in Arabia—Many Native Sheiks at Beck and Call

LONDON, Dec. 24.—There is a woman who looms large in the Mosul controversy, although she strives to keep in the background. She is Gertrude Bell, the righthand "man" of King Feisal of Irak, who has many Arabian sheiks doing her bidding.

Feisal's kingdom, of which Mosul is a part, is a mandate of Great Britain. Miss Bell officially is known as the Oriental secretary to the High Commissioner of Irak, but in reality, she is the chief British authority in that part of the world.

She is a daughter of Sir Hugh Bell, ironmaster and colliery owner. She was educated in Queen's College, London, and St. Margaret's, Oxford. She was on military intelligence service early in the war at Cairo and later became liaison officer of the Arab bureau in Irak.

Then she became political officer at Bagdad, and after Feisal was established on the throne, took over her present position.

Miss Bell has written many books of travel and of politics. She is an accomplished linguist and an indefatigable traveler, who has penetrated many of the least-known parts of the Arabian desert and personally assisted in establishing the boundary in a land unknown to the surveyors.

Will Be Married in Immigration Shed

CAPTAIN TARAS KARTZOFF

Former cavalry officer in one of the crack Russian regiments, and now of Toronto. He is bringing his fiancee to Canada within a short time and, due to the restrictions of the Immigration Act, will be married in the immigration shed at Niagara Falls.

From Vancouver

Mrs. May Moody was a passenger from Vancouver yesterday afternoon and intends spending the holidays in the city.

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Visits Father

Miss Wilma Carter is a visitor in the city for the Christmas holiday and is staying with her father, Mr. W. D. Carter.

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Visiting Mother

Mrs. Brentzen has arrived from Vancouver on a visit to her mother, Mrs. P. A. Irving, until Monday.

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At Empress Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. John Hart, of Vancouver, are spending a few days at the Empress Hotel.

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At Portage Inlet

Mr. J. Cunningham is here from Vancouver to spend Christmas with his wife and family at Portage Inlet.

Dickens Reflects Victorian Epoch

Dr. W. H. Atherton Shows How Novelist Was Interpreter of His Era

A keener appreciation on the part of those who already knew and loved Charles Dickens and an ardent desire to make the acquaintance of the great novelist on the part of those who hitherto had not done so, animated those who heard the scholarly and intensely interesting lecture delivered by Dr. W. H. Atherton, Professor of English Literature on the faculty of the University of Montreal, recently.

Dr. Atherton, who spoke in the Central Administration Building of the University, entitled his lecture "The Place of Charles Dickens in Victorian Literature." Dickens was, he said, the voice of the mob, expressing through his characters, the thoughts and feelings of the average Englishman of his time. The fact that he represented the people, in their true colors, the Doctor said, was well exemplified by his "Pickwick Papers," in which he portrayed 360 distinct characters so truly that the book, and many of the characters had become practically immortalized.

The fact that Dickens did reflect the people in their inconsistencies, their smallness and prejudices as well as their magnanimity was the reason why today Dickens is pre-eminently a fit subject for literary study.

Dickens' Reactions

By means of a chart Dr. Atherton illustrated in a most lucid manner the position Dickens occupied among the writers of the Victorian era, and his reactions to the principal movements of the day. English thought, he said, was divided at that time into two great schools, that in which science, realism, rationalism and utilitarianism, individualistic and egoism waged war with democracy as exemplified by the romanticist and idealist, benevolent Christianity and humanitarianism.

Dickens was of the latter school, and reflected more closely the Englishman of his day than Tennyson, who wash more of a thinker. Dickens did not understand science too much, although he believed in progress. He did not always know what he wanted, but he at all times knew what he did not want, and was outspoken in this regard. He was always true to his class and intensely interested in the humanitarian movement and reform. He was in touch with Ruskin, who approved his methods, and was influenced by Carlyle, whose works inspired his "The Two Cities."

Select Readings

That Dickens was entirely in sympathy with the idealistic reactionary movement, and on every occasion attacked the leaders of thought of the opposing school Dr. Atherton demonstrated by readings from the author's different works, showing Dickens ridiculing the philosophers of the materialistic school, particularly in his "Christmas Carol," and the conversion of old Scrooge from the hard and despotic oppressor of the poor to a lover of mankind. In the "Christmas Carol" was to be heard, as well, Dickens' outcry against the cruel industrial system, the heartlessness of the laws of the day, and the wretched living conditions of the poor.

Mother and Two Children Burned

PRESCOTT, Ont., Dec. 24.—Fire last night claimed the lives of a mother and her two children in their home here. The dead are: Mrs. Edward Boyle, aged thirty-six; Hugh Boyle, aged four; Francis Boyle, aged two. Hugh Boyle perished in the flames which consumed the family residence on Henry Street, while Mrs. Boyle and Francis died within half an hour of each other, between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, as a result of burns received in the fire.

Fashion Fancies

By Marie Belmont

The jersey frock has never lost its prestige. It continues to appear in delightful versions, of which this model above, from the French, is a good example.

The color is dark blue, enlivened with cross stitching in clear red. There is a single column of the stitching down the back, ending in an inverted pleat at the centre back, like the ones in front.

Notice the gracefully shaped cuffs. These, as well as the collar edge, are narrowly piped in red

Women's Clubs and Societies

Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E.

The Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., distributed forty-nine Christmas hampers to the families of needy ex-service men. In addition to the sending out of Christmas hampers, the chapter sent a gift to the Soldiers' Ward at the Jubilee Hospital, and Mrs. Bevan and Mrs. Thorpe-Doubble undertook to decorate the Christmas tree for the ward. Mrs. Gordon Smith had charge of the packing of the hampers, and was assisted by Mrs. Hugo Bevan, Miss Kathleen Hall, Mrs. Hermann-Robertson, Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Rev. A. deB. Owen and Mr. Anderson. Mrs. L. H. Hardie and Mrs. A. H. Catterall had charge of the buying for the hampers. Late contributions to the hamper fund included the following: Mrs. J. Gait, $25; Mrs. Croft, $2; Mrs. L. A. Genge, $5; Dr. O. M. Jones Chapter, groceries; Mrs. Colin Cummins, puddings; Royal Bride Chapter, beautifully-made garments for children; Mrs. Tobin, decorations for the Christmas tree.

Fifteen Firemen Overcome

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Fifteen firemen were overcome while fighting a four-alarm fire which did $65,000 damage to a six-story building on the edge of the market district this morning.

Fashions and Foibles

By Shirley Sharon

BUTTERICK 6477

There is a new elegance in dress expressed in richer materials, more interesting styles and a more generous use of color.

Sports clothes and boyish styles are just as smart as ever in their proper place and at the proper time, but they no longer monopolize the entire daytime mode. For afternoon, styles are distinctly elegant and make use of velvets, brocades and embroidered effects that remind one of the spacious days before the war. Wide crepe satins in bordered patterns, the new fifty-four-inch velvets in shaded ombre colors, velvet brocades on crepe Roma, georgette, etc., as well as the plain crepes and crepe satins are smart for the frock illustrated, with its flared godets at the side and its new collar.

Death by Misadventure

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Misadventure caused the death of Eugene J. Lebon, who was killed in an elevator at the Rogers Building Tuesday morning. No one was to blame. Such was the finding of the coroner's jury Wednesday afternoon after hearing the only three witnesses to the accident.

Don't let indigestion after meals, biliousness, heartburn, or dyspepsia take the pep out of you. Take Seigel's Syrup. Any drug store.

Flowers and Noisy Colors Feature Pajama's Revival

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Pajamas in the fashionable French haberdasher shops seem to run to flowers and are in extremely "noisy" colors. After a temporary fall from grace, they are becoming vividly revived and are becoming as popular as ever for boudoir wear.

"Sold for Palm Beach" was the label tagged on one garment displayed in the main window of the flashiest and most expensive shops. "Les Roses Merveilleuses" was the title of another of the most gorgeous, a coat of brocade in designs of red, yellow, pink and gold, made upon a foundation of black velvet, and flaring smartly over trousers of gold.

The colors went to contrast in another model of exquisite delicacy called "Quelques Fleurs." They were of pale green, blouse of pale rose, an over-drapery of purple, with a front panel and borders of modernistic flowers in a blending of all these colors.

Two Outlaws Agree

LONDON, Dec. 24.—One point made in the discussion of the recently signed Russo-Turkish guarantee pact is that it apparently prevents both countries from joining the League of Nations, inasmuch as under the terms of neutrality which the treaty establishes neither country could allow passage through its territory of troops acting on behalf of the League of Nations against the state with which the League had had a rupture.

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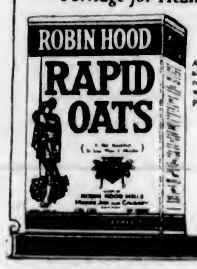

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Seward Registers Quake

SEWARD, Alaska, Dec. 23. — A slight earthquake, lasting about thirty seconds, was recorded here at 1 a.m. today.

Afraid of Love

By CHRISTABEL RUSSELL

Vague Uneasiness

How long she struggled in the embrace of the man called Gaston, Doria did not know, but it seemed an age before he let go of her suddenly and jerked the car to a standstill.

A gendarme was standing in the road. The big car had almost run him down. He was gesticulating wildly, the glare of the headlights full upon him.

"Sacre nom!" he shrieked. "What is the meaning of this? You are driving your car to the danger of everyone on the road. You will have to answer for this, m'sieu!"

Doria saw her chance. She jumped from the car just as the gendarme came up, notebook in hand.

"Is there any need for me to remain?" she asked him in breathless, halting French.

Gaston had made a move to follow her.

"M'sieu will keep his place," the gendarme snapped. "But why should mam'selle wish to run away?"

"This gentleman brought me here against my will," she explained.

"There is no need to remain, mam'selle."

She thanked him and hesitated a moment, not knowing which way to go. Fortunately a taxi came into view round the curve of the road and pulled up at her signal.

"Don't be a little fool!" said Gaston in English. "Come back! I'll settle this affair and then drive you back to the hotel."

She took no notice, but jumped into the cab. Her lips were trembling so much that she had difficulty in giving him directions.

Once she was on her way, bumping down towards the Champs Elysees, her nerves gave way like the snapped strings of a violin. She buried her face in her hands and burst into tears.

She had been through much that day, apprehension at Crane's non-arrival, the bitter realization that in leaving Paul Masterman she had abandoned the substance of life's happiness to go in search of the shadow, the terror and the insult of those interminable moments in Gaston's arms.

She felt now a hundred times lonelier than before, and weak as a straw in a millstream, for it seemed as if she were quite at the mercy of the world.

To have been so easily taken in by the "Bengal Lancer" and his wife humiliated and hurt her pride—all the more deeply because she looked upon herself as being rather a woman of the world. She did not doubt now that they were a pair of tricksters who had passed her on to Gaston.

Back to the hotel she was hurrying across to the lift on her way to bed when one of the clerks came running after her.

"A telegram for Mam'selle Western."

He handed over the flimsy green envelope.

Doria tore it open and, with a sigh that was something more than relief, read:

"Delayed over vital business. With you tomorrow.—Marcus."

So that was it. It must be very vital business indeed to have kept him from coming to her. During the past weeks he had shown a strain of impatience, as if he could not bear the thought of living without her.

Still, she did not understand finance. Perhaps when such huge sums of money were in question there arose crises which might call urgently for his personal attention.

After all, in the end, didn't the desire for riches and success usually triumph over the power of love? She couldn't afford to throw stones on that account.

Tired out, she went up to bed. The events of the evening seemed like a bad dream. Safe in her bedroom, she could scarcely believe in their reality. But in another way she did not feel so safe. The light, off-hand words of that telegram haunted her.

She felt a vague uneasiness, as if he had taken a step in the dark and had yet to find out which way it led her.

Ghosts of Yesterday

Meryl dined with Paul Masterman, that night of their first acquaintance, at a little restaurant in Soho, where the lights were low and the food irreproachable.

They sat at a table by the open window. A small orchestra played at the far end of the room.

"I can never thank you enough," she began as the waiter left them, "for introducing me to the Normandy. It seems to be that rarest of rare things—an hotel that is both clean and inexpensive. The Rocksavage, of course, was lovely, but three guineas a day—" she gestured expressively. "One has to be a sort of millionaire."

"I'm glad that you like the hotel," he said. "At first I hardly liked to recommend you to go there. I was afraid you might think—"

"Think what?" she challenged.

"That I was being—well, offensive."

"Offensive? Why on earth should you have thought that? We're friends, aren't we? You recommended a hotel to a friend." She hesitated and then went on: "Perhaps you are not a believer in friendship between men and women—real pal-ship? I had one or two good pals out in South Africa. Some of Tony's men friends were very decent to me. They treated me just as one of themselves, as a reasonable, sane person, with a life of my own to live. If only my husband had been the same, things might have been different. We are friends, aren't we, Mr. Masterman?"

"Of course we are," he nodded. "But haven't you any other friends in England, any relatives?"

"Uncles and aunts, but if I were to turn to them I should know all the while that they were crowing over me. They never believed in Tony, you see."

"But your school friends, girls you knew before you went out to Africa?"

She shook her head with a sad little smile.

"Yes, they're still there, but it seems as though there is a sort of gulf between us. I seem to have moved on, while they've just stood still in the daily round of tennis and dancing and catching the nine o'clock every morning. Can you understand what I mean?"

He nodded.

"You've tasted bitterness, Mrs. Gould; you've suffered. They've never suffered, and probably never will. I can see that, somehow, they're not enough—that you can't settle into that groove again."

He fell silent as the orchestra began to play the dreamy "Hindu Love Song." Meryl remembered the music well. She had danced to it on the boat when, not long ago, she had come back to England. Even amidst the noise of the restaurant it held its own magic, the suggestion of a happiness that was somehow sad.

She looked across at Masterman. He had laid down his knife and fork and, with his head resting on one hand, was staring out into the dusky street. His lips were tightly pressed together, and, though she could not be sure, Meryl thought that tears had come to his eyes.

"Is there anything wrong—friend?" She reached across and touched his hand.

He faced round with a little, unnatural laugh.

"Nothing wrong—only the music. Sometimes it hurts to hear old tunes."

"It has an association for you, this Indian love song?"

He nodded dumbly.

"I understand," she said gently. "You took the shock so well that you almost cheated me into believing that it didn't mean much to you. But it hurt, of course."

"We used to dance to that tune," he told her. "It reminds me of the white ballroom at the Rocksavage."

"Oh! The fool!" The words came scornfully to Meryl's lips. "The fool, to imagine that Crane could give her half what you could have done. But she was honest, I grant you that. She admitted her terrible weakness to me. She said that she still loved you, but that the other thing was too strong for her. But life has paid her out already, Mr. Masterman."

"It serves her right!" he said, with a sudden, abrupt movement. "Everyone knows what sort of a man Crane is. She's sold herself to a man who hasn't one decent motive, who'd been brought up from birth in the atmosphere of trickery and double dealing—"

"Can't you feel just a little sorry for her?" Meryl asked.

That quieted him.

"Yes, sorry for her, and sorry for myself, too. I—I loved her very much; I only thought of success because it would make her happy. And now there is a great gap in the scheme of things that will never be filled."

"But I'm boring you with my troubles. We mustn't forget that this is a celebratory dinner. We must cheer up. Will you have a liqueur with your coffee?"

He smiled his gay old smile, and with it all troubles seemed banished. The orchestra struck up a strident fox-trot.

"Green Chartreuse," said Meryl, with an answering smile.

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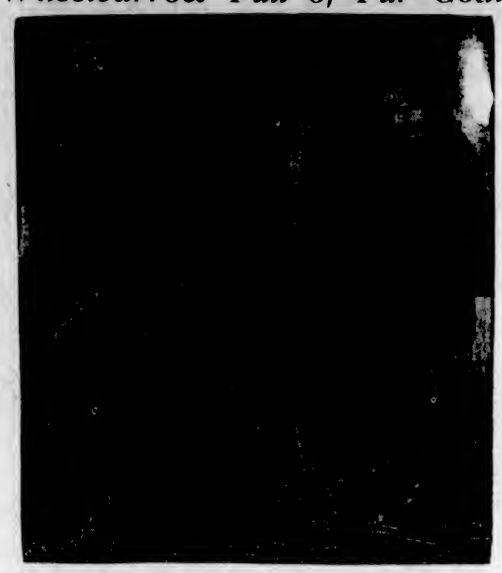
Wheelbarrow Full of Fur Coats



Lady Helen Forbes, at her residence, Mill House, Furton, Wilts, breeds rabbits of various kinds for the fur trade. This is a hobby that has a distinctly paying end. Both Princess Mary and the Duchess of York wear coats of rabbit fur. Picture shows Lady Forbes' daughter Rose giving her pets their morning airing. Two of them are apparently Chinchillas, and the rest looks like White Flemish.

Butterfly Flutters On Christmas Eve In City Suburb

A BUTTERFLY of the Camberwell Beauty species was captured in the garden of Mr. J. A. Hibberson, Byng Street, Oak Bay, yesterday.

Chamber Sends Yuletide Messages

Presidents of Railways and of Associated Boards of Trade of Island Get Telegrams

A number of Christmas messages have been sent by the Chamber of Commerce, through its president, Mr. C. P. W. Schwengers, to various leaders of thought in the Dominion. The telegrams to Mr. E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway; to Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, and to the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island, of which Mr. F. S. Cunliffe, of Nanaimo, is the president, are as follows:

To Mr. E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal:

"We extend you wishes for merry Christmas and happy New Year, also expressing the hope that the same cordial relations which have characterized your company's association with Victoria during the past year may not alone continue but be further augmented to our mutual advantage."

To Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways:

"Extend to you best wishes for a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. Victoria deeply appreciates your personal interest and efforts made to assist in our development. Now that our joint activities will shortly bear fruit in the establishment of assembly plant and elevators here, may we hope that new spheres of co-operation for joint action to our mutual advantage may present themselves and be successfully dealt with in the same delightful association together."

To the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island, Mr. F. S. Cunliffe, President:

"We extend to you heartiest season's greetings. Are looking forward to 1926 being Vancouver Island's banner year. Wish to assure you of our cordial co-operation and support in all measures that will benefit your district and Vancouver Island in general."

McKenzie Avenue School Closes

McKenzie Avenue School closed the Fall term with a concert which reflected great credit on both pupils and teachers. A splendid audience of parents and friends of the young people gave each and every number of a well-balanced programme a rousing reception. Marigold Hall, where the affair was held, was pretty with streamers in seasonable colorings, while quantity of greenery added to the decorative scheme.

Trustee Mrs. F. McN. Beckett officiated as chairman and in her opening remarks complimented the result of the efforts of the school to provide an entertainment of outstanding merit for the finale of the school term.

The programme opened with "O Canada," and the following items brought out evidence of undoubted talent throughout the several classes. Four scenes from Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was quite pretentious and the several characters were well sustained by the pupils. Ebenezer Scrooge was portrayed by Lewis Speller; Scrooge's nephew, Jack Bullincka; visitor to Scrooge's office, Campbell Kennedy; the spirit of the Christmas present, Ruby Pengelly; Bob Cratchit, Alfred Nix; Mrs. Cratchit, Dora Thompson, Martha, Olive Lynn; the two little Cratchits, Sheila O'Connell and Chase Smith; Tiny Tim, Morris Speller, and the errand boy, Jim Stewart. Division three acted as carol singers during the scenes.

Several items were rendered in costumes and one of the most charming of these was a Japanese song and dance by division II. A pretty little comedy called the "Happy Family" was given by division I, while the boys of divisions I and II rendered with good effect the song, "Upidee." Others taking part in the programme were: Pianoforte duet, Jean and Elsie Fryatt; "the Quest of the Silver Star," Marjory Ribbans, supported by the tiny tots dressed as roosters, bunnies, ducks and elves; "Dolly's Rockaby," division IV; recitation, "Quizzing the Teacher," Helen Prendergast; dialogue, the Girton brothers and Leonard Fieldhouse; Christmas drill, division IV; Santa Claus and a fairy dance, boys and girls of division IV; song, "Sweet and Low," girls of divisions I and II, violin solo, Billie Russell; a picnic, Elsie Fryatt, Earl Speller and girls and boys of division II; carol, division III; cornet solo, by an ex-pupil, Don Montague, recitation in sailor costume, Sam Frost; quartette, girls of division I, and the closing chorus, "Good Night," by those taking part in the "Happy Family."

A vote of appreciation was accorded Principal Routley and his staff, the pupils, and also to Mrs. Routley, at the close of the evening.

Motorist—Yes, it took me about six weeks to learn to drive my car.

Pedestrian—And what did you get for your pains?

Motorist—Liniment.

Missioner Leaves For Post in Orient

Catholic Missioner, Who Has Been Seeking Candidates for Priesthood, Sails

When the liner Empress of Australia leaves tomorrow evening for the Orient, it is expected to have on board Rev. Father John Fraser, who is on his way back to China from Toronto, where he has been on a mission to enrol priests for work in that country.

He has been speaking at a number of points in Canada to show what progress Christianity is making in China, declaring that the people of China are ready and willing to embrace Christianity, and that Catholic priests have found more converts than they have facilities to instruct.

Speaking at St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary, Father Fraser stressed the lack of charity among the Chinese to their own poor, and stated that there was a great demand for philanthropic work in that country.

Father Fraser controverts the view that disorder is general in China, pointing out that in many districts the present outbreaks have not yet penetrated.

On his arrival in China he will go from Shanghai to Ningpo, and then proceed up-country to his mission station.

Japanese Diet Convenes

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The Diet convenes tomorrow and will be formally opened by the Prince Regent on Saturday.

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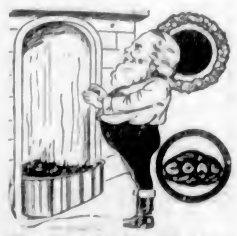

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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Three Good Soccer Matches on Football Programme for Holiday

Four Leading Teams of Various Victoria Leagues Will Be Engaged in Morning and Afternoon Games Today at Beacon Hill—Chinese Play Saturday

When the pick of the Wednesday League and the junior football representatives clash at Beacon Hill today at 11 a.m. they will raise the curtain on the holiday soccer programme. These teams met on Thanksgiving Day and the youngsters handed their more experienced opponents a 3-1 defeat. Today the midweek representatives will be out at full strength to try and retrieve lost honors. A few changes had to be made in the Wednesday League team. The midweek representatives will line up as follows: Goal, Shrimpton (Hudson's Bays); fullbacks, Gibson (Hudson's Bays) and Glancy (Kirkhams); halfbacks, Mitchell (Garrison), Webber (Hudson's Bays) and Freshwater (Navy); forwards, Patterson (Tillicums), King (Kirkhams), Roberts (Navy), Field (Rennie & Taylors) and Tooby (Tillicums). Reserves, Armstrong (Navy) and Brown (Garrison). Juniors: Rose, Sweeney, Price, Crowe, Cameron, Davis, Campbell, Minnis, Burns, Iwings and Wagland. Reserves, Kennedy, Easler, Thompson, Hill, D'Arcy, Kelman and Williams.

Afternoon Game

In the afternoon there will be another good match at Beacon Hill when Esquimalt, winners of the Combination Cup, will play a team of All-Stars picked from the rest of the first division. This should produce an excellent match as the All-Stars are turning out a strong and representative side, and Esquimalt have been playing a wonderful game all season. The teams will be as follows:

All-Stars: Isherwood (James Island); Dunn (Westa) and Allen (Services); Shanks (S.O.E.), Hawkes (Services) and Passmore (Westa); Cummings (Services), Mulcahy (Westa), Coulter (Services), Quainton (S.O.E.) and Cosler (Services). Reserves: Weir and Smith (Services) and Thomas (S.O.E.).

Esquimalt: Nicol; Joe Watt and Gload; Hosmer, Mesher and Hay; Stewart, John Watt, Tommy Watt, Warren and Davis.

Chinese to Play

On Saturday there will also be a big soccer attraction when the Chinese students of Vancouver come over to play the First Division "rep" team. Some years ago the Chinese sent over a team to play an exhibition game here which made quite a good impression, but since those days the club has made a great improvement in their knowledge and practice of the game and today the students have a team which is able to give stiff opposition to the best of them. They are at present holding down the third position in the Second Division of the Mainland League. It is more or less a family affair as more than half the team is composed of the members of one family.

A great deal of interest is being taken in this match by the local Chinese colony and it is expected that a large number of local Chinese will be on the sidelines as well as a big crowd of the more habitual followers of the game here.

The teams will be as follows:

Chinese Students: Goal, Wong Poon; right fullback, Foo Yip; left fullback, Cin Guey; centre-half, Yin Yip; left halfback, Goosy Yip; right halfback, Art Yip; centre-forward, Quene Yip; inside left, Lee Ning; inside right, Dock Yip; outside right, Lee Ming; outside left, Chow. Reserves, Earl Chang and Frank Yip.

All-Stars—Weir (Services), Joe Watt (Esquimalt), Todd (James Island), Passmore, Thomas and Popham (Westa), Smith, Spiers and Coulter (Services), Quainton (S.O.E.), Davis (Esquimalt). Reserves, White (Westa), Allen and Hawkes (Services), Coanorton (S.O.E.).

Clubs Will Play Home and Home During Holiday

Soccer Teams of English First Division Play Today and Tomorrow — Sunderland and Huddersfield Play

LONDON, Dec. 24. — Scheduled games in the first division of the English League provide for encounters tomorrow and on Saturday. On Saturday the same teams will meet, but the locals will be reversed, the home teams on Friday being the visitors of the next day. Outstanding fixtures are the two games scheduled to be contested between Sunderland and Huddersfield Town. Tomorrow the engagement is at Sunderland, and on Saturday it will be played at Huddersfield.

Arsenal, who continue to hold the crown, are at home on their Highbury grounds to Notts County tomorrow. Fresh from their handsome win over Arsenal, Birmingham tomorrow will confront Tottenham Hotspurs, completing the first of the home and home engagements with the London teams. They drew with West Ham at Upton Park two weeks ago, and trimmed Arsenal last Saturday.

Other scheduled games are:

Everton at Blackburn.
Manchester City at Bury.
West Bromwich at Cardiff.
Burnley at Leeds.
Newcastle at Liverpool.
Bolton at Manchester United.
Leicester City at Sheffield.
Aston Villa at West Ham.

Two Good Amateur Hockey Games Monday

Two good amateur hockey matches are looked for on Monday night when the Colonist meets the Tillicums and the Navy battles with the Shells. On the last two appearances of the four teams, the scores have been close and the large crowds have been given some splendid contests.

The first game between the Colonist and Tillicums will start at 8 o'clock, followed immediately by the oilers and naval representatives. Some new material has been added to each of the four teams, which should help to bolster up the brand of hockey.

Vic Foley Matched With Filipino Boy

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Vic Foley, of Vancouver, B.C., and Leonardo Garcia, a Filipino who recently arrived in this country, have been matched for a ten-round boxing bout here, New Year's Day.

Badminton Clubs Draw

St. Mark's Badminton Club entertained the Cornwall Badminton Club in a tournament on Tuesday evening, December 15. Some good games were played and the result was a draw.

Auckland Bowlers Win

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Dec. 24.—The Auckland Bowling Club defeated the touring British bowlers yesterday by a score of 184 to 181.

Seeks Bail for Defaulter

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—W. E. Raney, former attorney-general, who has been active endeavoring to get parole for Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer of Ontario, now in Portsmouth penitentiary, said today that he thought it impossible for Mr. Smith to raise $100,000, the amount he was fined when convicted.

Wardle Proves Winner In Ontario Billiards

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Ontario's representative to play in the Eastern Canada semi-finals of the English billiard championship was decided here yesterday, when J. Wardle, Toronto, former Canadian champion, defeated Ernest Cooke, a local finalist.

Wardle will now go to Montreal in January to compete in the Eastern Canada championship competition.

Racing at Tijuana

TIJUANA, Mexico, Dec. 24.—Results of racing here today follow:

First race, 5 furlongs: Laura Jane, 107 (R. Fisher), $6.20, $3.60, $3.20; Grievance, 104 (Hamilton), $14, $7.80; Gold Bay, 111 (Charles), $3.60. Time, 1:02.

Second race, 6 furlongs: Miss Edna, 107 (Renn), $31, $8.20, $3.40; Bugler, 112 (Kelsey), $5.40, $3; Vanderburg, 110 (Huntamer), $3.20. Time, 1:13 4-5.

Third race, 6 furlongs: Jago, 107 (Munden), $4.20, $2.60, $2.20; Bally New, 114 (Hay), $3.20, $2.80; Kilauea, 107 (White), $2.40. Time, 1:13 3-5.

Fourth race, 4 1-2 furlongs: Al Kripp, 107 (Jones), $10.80, $6, $3.80; Shasta Donna, 103 (Elston), $12, $7.40; Billy Buck, 102 (Buckley), $7. Time, :57 4-5.

Fifth race, 4 1-2 furlongs: Our Boy, 101 (Neal), $32, $13.20, $7.80; Little Less, 112 (Mex), $4.20, $4.20; Stamp, 104 (Hay), $8. Time, 1:40 2-5.

Sixth race, 1 mile: Crystal Boer, 102 (Munden), $5.80, $3.20, $2.40; Wood Lady, 100 (Jones), $4.80, $3; Muiciber, 115 (Vuillemot), $3. Time, 1:40 2-5.

Seventh race, mile and sixteenth: Rockford, 110 (West), $13.80, $5.40, $4; Little Thistle, 115 (Munden), $4.40, $3.80; Lady Leonid, 106 (Jones), $8. Time, 1:47 2-5.

Eighth race, 5 1-2 furlongs: Sedge, 106 (Baker), $8.20, $5.20, $2.60; Rachael Potter, 97 (Buckley), $7.60, $3.60; Jack Fairman, 116 (Edwards), $3.40. Time, 1:06 3-5.

Overnight Entries

First race, 5 1-2 furlongs: Lady Abbott, 100; Llanimp, 100; Cuba, 100; Porter Ella, 100; Combustion, 103; Julia Lee, 105; Mary Dear, 107; Miss Emma G., 107; Lady Tiptoe, 108; Laura Gaffney, 110; Miss Omond, 110; Miss Calitha, 112.

Second race, mile and eighth: Pop Ryan, 94; Malvern, 94; Old Faithful, 99; Montana, 102; Plow Steel, 102; Bowsprit, 102; Missouri Boy, 102; Smiling Six, 102; War Zone, 102; Hal Wright, 111.

Third race, mile and 70 yards: Mint Julep, 94; Cadmus, 96; Seawrack, 100; Quecreek, 101; Wrackiane, 104; Pie, 105; Torsida, 105; Hackamore, 105; Encrinita, 108; Cote D'Or, 111; Praiseworthy, 111; Reel Foot, 113.

Fourth race, 5 1-2 furlongs: Reporter, 97; Saucy Miss, 97; Pacifist, 98; Insurrector, 98; Dew Bank, 102; Marie K., 102; Runamor, 102; Zeska, 104; Kamehameha, 104; Bank, Jr., 107; Hester Ann, 107; Cuernavaca, 108.

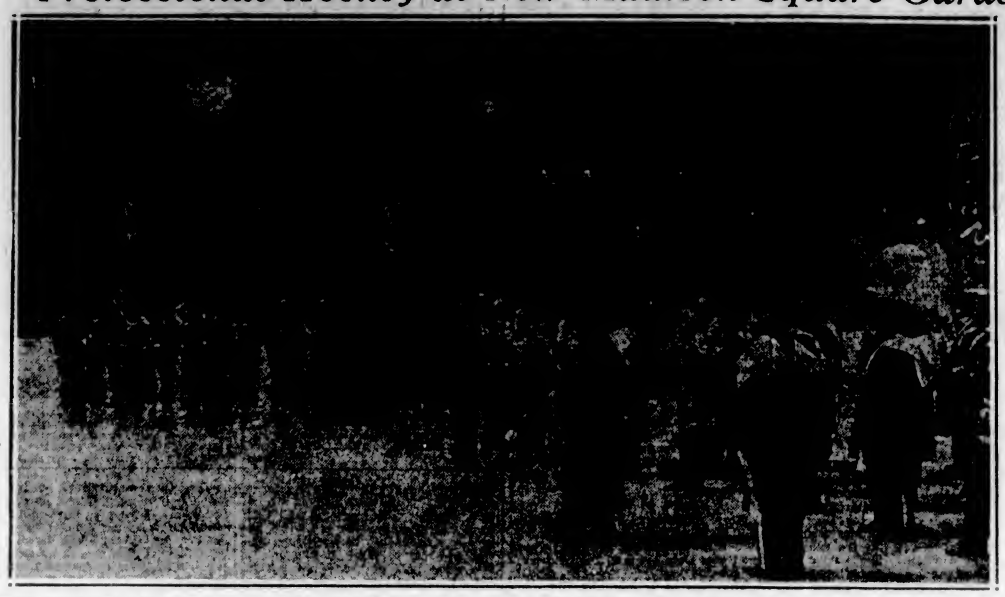
Fifth race, mile and 70 yards: Minstrel Boy, 90; Lizette, 97; All Over, 97; Vasquez, 102; Moonraker, 109; Cherry Tree, 117.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs: Crossbow, 90; War Bells, 90; Runerva, 90; Brazen, 90; Dalleho, 95; Boone Beyer, 96; Jack Alexander, 104; Stardale, 106; Foreman, 107; Tiger Gloss, 109; Miss Thatcher, 118; Sandyman, 120.

Seventh race, mile less 220 feet: Queen Bess, 97; Coffield, 101; San Carlos, 102; Maradale, 107; Brother John, 107; Sixpence, 107; Reap, 108; Little Thistle, 105; Edmon, 119.

Eighth race, 5 furlongs: Canoga, 94; Mr. Ruby, 94; Betty Maloney, 99; Little Shasta, 101; Gordon Rouge, 101; Parnell, 104; Excuse Me, 105; Endman, 105; Kosman, 107; Bill McCloy, 108; Cleg, 108; Tailteann, 109; Ft. Churchill, 109; Witticism, 110; Subtis, 105; Little Less, 93

Start of Big Match That Inaugurated International Professional Hockey at New Madison Square Garden



A professional hockey game between the New Yorks and Canadiens, of Montreal, was the attraction. Mayor Hylan and a host of society people of New York and Canada took part. The game was under the auspices of the Neurological Institute Society. Preceding the game, formal opening exercises were held, in which the Foot Guards Band of Governor-General Byng of Canada, and theband of the United States Military Academy at West Point, participated. The above photo shows the West Point band in the foreground, the Canadian band at the left, and the hockey players of each country behind their respective bands. Goalkeeper Vernon Forbes, of New York, in his star-spangled uniform, is quite noticeable. Morenz and Boucher stand out right behind the Governor-General's Foot Guards Band.

ROUNDING THIRD

by Hugh A. Jennings

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CHAPTER XXI

Getting an Eyeful

Wilbert Robinson was captain of the Orioles and the first-string catcher. He was one of baseball's great receivers, for he was intelligent and uncanny in the way he outguessed batters, and he could throw and he could hit. He was the oldest member of the Orioles and served as a sort of ballast. (This can be taken either way, seeing that Robbie weighed more than 200 pounds and never succeeded in getting rid of any of it.)

Robbie was a jovial sort, and this good disposition saved an innocent aviator from annihilation in the southern training camp not many years ago. Robbie had taken his Brooklyn team to Florida to train. One evening a discussion arose over catching a ball thrown from a great height. What brought about the discussion was mention of Gabby Street's feat in catching a ball tossed from the top of the Washington monument. Robbie said that he could make this catch.

"How'll you prove you can? We don't play in Washington, and we ain't goin' to go there. D'you want us to have the Washington monument shipped down here so that you can try it?" some merry wag asked Robbie.

Aviation Stunt

This brought a suggestion from one of the town boys. An aviator was flying an exhibition plane just outside the town, and the idea was to get this aviator to fly over the ball park and drop a baseball from a height of 550 feet, Robbie to catch the ball. The aviator agreed, and the test was set for 11 o'clock the following morning.

A large crowd was at the park at the appointed time, and soon the whirr of the airplane engine could be heard in the distance. The machine arrived and began circling over the ball park, the aviator getting the proper height. In the centre of the diamond stood Robbie, wearing a glove, but neither mask nor chest protector.

The aviator could be seen leaning from the side of his plane, and as he got directly over Robbie he threw out the sphere.

There was not a sound as the round object sped toward the earth. Robbie, circling underneath, kept constantly on the move as the sphere swerved in its course. Nearer and nearer it came, and finally, just as it was about to reach the spot where Robbie was, the sphere took a sudden slant, hit Robbie square in the face and burst. Robbie was knocked unconscious by the force of the blow. They carried him into the clubhouse, an acid juice dripping from his face and neck. He was soon revived, but it was several hours before his eyes quit smarting.

"What hit me?" yelled Robbie.

Nobody knew just what hit him, but from the scattered parts that were picked up at the spot where Robbie was struck down it was strongly suspected that Robbie had been hit smack in the face by a ripe Florida grapefruit, a species that is much softer and carries a much thinner peel than a California grapefruit.

Robbie had just about recovered his sight when the aviator appeared at the clubhouse, where cold water was still being applied to the victim's eyes. Robbie glared at the aviator and the aviator glared back.

"You didn't catch it?" asked the aviator.

Robbie composed himself with great difficulty and finally inquired:

"Young man, what was that you tossed from your airplane?"

"A grapefruit."

"Didn't we agree that you were to toss a baseball?"

"I suppose we did, but you didn't give me no baseball, and when it came time to start for the field here I didn't have nothing that looked like a baseball except a grapefruit that was lying around loose. So I took the grapefruit, thinkin' it would do as well because it was round like a ball. What difference did it make?"

"Only this," replied Robbie. "That I wish the guy that threw that ball from the top of the Washington monument had used a grapefruit instead of a baseball. It would have been a whole lot more comfortable to have this thing tried on somebody else first."

Gabby Street was not a great catcher, but he was a fairly good one. He became famous as the battery mate of Walter Johnson. Street always caught Johnson, and he used to insert a piece of raw steak in his glove. The impression got around that Street must be a marvel to be able to hold Johnson with his wonderful speed. Everybody seemed to believe it, but Washington dropped Street one Winter, and the theory was exploded when Eddie Ainsmith became Johnson's battery mate and handled Johnson's speed with even more ease and nonchalance than Street had ever shown, and without the aid of raw steak. There have been several deliveries in baseball harder to catch than Johnson's fast ball. A good curve ball is much more difficult, because the curve breaks and carries the catcher to either side, while the fast ball comes straight at the catcher.

French Make Peace With Syria Rebels

Reported Armistice Signed by Commissioner and Druses —Prisoners Released

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 24.—An armistice is reported to have been signed between the Druse tribesmen and the new French high commissioner in Syria, Henry D. Jouvenel.

All prisoners held by the French authorities in Syria on political charges are to be liberated, the report adds.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Cabling from Damascus on Wednesday, Reuter's special correspondent in Syria said the French were trying to speed up their peace negotiations with the Druses. They were moved by disquieting rumors regarding the situation on the northern frontier, where Turkish bands were reported to be massing. The Turks, it was said, had even occupied some of the French posts.

PARIS, Dec. 24. — The Havas Agency says there is no official confirmation of the report that High Commissioner de Jouvenel has concluded an armistice with the Druse tribesmen in Syria.

Priests in Russia Bob Their Locks To Distract Attention

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Russian priests are bobbing their long hair after the fashion of the girls. Some of them are also discarding their beards.

This is done for reasons of hygiene and convenience, but more particularly to render their appearance on the Street less conspicuous. For among atheistic Bolsheviks a priest is looked upon with disdain. Formerly members of the Russian orthodox clergy wore long flowing hair which fell loosely over their shoulders, giving them a patriarchal appearance. Many of them cultivated bushy whiskers which reached almost to their waists.

Ever since the Soviet government separated the Church from the State, large numbers of priests and bishops have been discarding their clerical robes and scrapping their high conical black hats. They found if they were their ecclesiastical garb they could secure neither employment nor recognition.

Swimmers Race At Gorge Today

Annual Event to Be Staged as Usual by V.A.S.C.—Water "Nice and Warm"

The annual fifty yard Christmas Day swimming handicap will be held as usual today by the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, at the Gorge, starting at 11 o'clock. Unless there is a sudden change in the weather, the conditions will be more than usually pleasant for this midwinter event, and it will require less than ordinary heroism for the swimmers to turn out to demonstrate to the world that conditions for all-the-year-round outdoor swimming in Victoria are excellent.

The temperature of the water was reported yesterday as forty-four degrees, which is nine degrees warmer than this time last year, when, it will be remembered, Jack Frost was here to help make things look and feel a little more Christmassy.

Post entries will be received up to the time for the start of the race, and six starters had already sent in their names last night, as follows: Tommy Wallburn (last year's winner), Art Stott, W. T. Barrett, W. T. Stanyon, Brian Hunnings and C. Wilkerson.

Veterans Top Scoring List in National Hockey

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Two familiar names appear on top of the National Hockey League scoring tables—Babe Dye, of Toronto, and Cy Dennenay, of Ottawa. With these veterans, who have scored seven goals each, is a newcomer to the pro ranks—Nels Stewart, of Montreal, formerly of Cleveland—who has also scored seven goals.

Howie Morenz, of Montreal Canadiens, and Carson Cooper, of Boston, netted six times, and the following are bunched with five counters: Georges Boucher and Frank Neighbor, Ottawa; Reg. Noble and Babe Seibert, Montreal; Aurel Joliat, Canadiens; Jim Herbert, Boston; Milks, Pittsburgh, and Billy Burch, New York.

Lonnie Austin Looking For Fresh Victims for McKenzie to Knock Out

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Lonnie Austin, manager of Bill McKenzie, logger heavyweight of Vancouver Island, was today searching the Pacific Northwest for an opponent to meet McKenzie in Bellingham, Wash., January 13. McKenzie has appeared in four fights since he started on his career and has won all of them by knockouts.

McKenzie, who now registers from Seattle, went to visit relatives in British Columbia over the holidays.

Document Reveals Russia Opposed War

Ministry Meeting Records Show Serbia Was Urged to Comply With Austrian Demands

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 24.—A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Russian Ministry held on July 24, 1914, which shed new light on the part Russia played in the stirring events preceding the world war, has been found in the Hoover War Library here and has been translated by Robert C. Binkley, reference librarian.

These minutes, which Mr. Binkley says have not been cited in all ten years' efforts to fix responsibility for the war, show that Russia, instead of helping to precipitate the war by urging Serbia to resist Austria, as has been charged, took exactly the opposite course. They represented Foreign Minister Sazonov as advising Serbia to refrain from armed resistance and the other ministers as approving the advice.

The document also records that the ministers gave their approval to get in touch with the other European powers in an effort to persuade the Austro-Hungarian Government to grant Serbia a delay in her reply to Austria's ultimatum resulting from the assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo. The meeting of the Russian ministers was held on the day after Austria issued her ultimatum.

Sportive Punches

By the "Old 'Un"

We've heard it said once or twice lately that Christmas is the season for the youngsters and that it's not the old 'uns' day any longer.

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DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT!

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The keeping of Christmas gives great joy to the young 'uns, but as a custom it's an old one, and it's one of those old ones which this Old 'Un really believes improves with age.

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Even if the old 'uns do not get quite such a kick out of it directly as they used to do, there's not a doubt that the older they get, the more they appreciate and enjoy seeing the kick that the young 'uns get out of it.

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Grandpa loves Christmas even more than Father, or this Old 'Un is much mistaken.

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Even the concomitants, if we may call them that, of Christmas improve with age—except perhaps the turkey).

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No good housewife thinks of serving up a Christmas pudding which was made more recently than a year ago, and if the brandy which goes with it is of an ancient vintage so much the better. Mincemeat, too, we have heard tell, improves with age.

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And when the old-fashioned Christmas cheer, which has not been improved upon noticeably in modern times, has been stowed away there is still do most good, the port or sherry which gives the finishing touches must certainly be old (pre-war at least, for choice).

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And the Old 'Un for one prefers a well-seasoned cigar to one which is green.

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Yes, indeed, some things are better old than new and many of these are things which we old 'Uns can enjoy at Christmas. Who says Christmas is played out for all but the kids?

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AND IT IS A SEASON OF PEACE ON EARTH AND GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN, YOU CAN'T DENY IT.

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And that's why the Old 'Un heartily forgives the Sporting Editor for stealing his thunder yesterday, and rejoices that he has sufficiently recovered from his "cold in the head" today to be able himself to repeat the wish (another old one):

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Oaks Meet Bays In Barnard Cup Match Saturday

Great Struggle Expected Between Old Rivals—J.B.A.A. Is Greatly Improved Fifteen

Farrer to Play for Bays

The J.B.A.A. and Oak Bay Oaks senior rugby match at the Willows tomorrow afternoon promises to be one of the outstanding games of the Barnard Cup schedule. The two squads in the first half of the league clashed twice with the result that the Oaks won one and held the Bays to a tie in the second, which gave them the honors in the first half and the right to meet the champions of the second half for the city title. The match will start at 3 o'clock and a large crowd is expected to be on hand.

The Bays will have their strongest team of the year out and several of last year's stars will make their first appearance of the season. Brainard Scott, one of the cleverest fullbacks in the town, will take his old place in the back division, while Dunn, formerly with the Tillicums and last year on the "rep" team, will be on the three-quarter line. "Fat" Johns, another "rep" player, and one of the hardest tackles in the game, will be out with the pack.

Farrer Out With Bays

Those attending tomorrow's game will be given their first chance of seeing Farrer of the Brentwood College in action. Farrer, in senior company for the last two years in the Intermediate League, has shown up wonderfully and looks like one of the best prospects in the city. He is very fast, a clever tackle and knows what to do when he gets the ball. His appearance on the J.B.A.A. team will, no doubt, bring out an additional number of supporters.

The Oaks will be minus the services of their skipper, Walter Brynjolfson, but they have a good reserve to draw on and figure they will be able to have a strong team to face the oarsmen. "Cotton" Brynjolfson, who has been suffering from an injured knee, will be back in his regular place, while all the other regulars will be out in force.

All intermediate fixtures have been called off due to the school teams being on holidays. There are still a number of games to be completed in the first half of the schedule and these will be rushed through as soon as possible in order to get the second half started soon after the New Year.

The J.B.A.A. line-up against the Oaks will be as follows: Scott; Dunn, Dickson, Farrer, Fraser; Hustable; Bendrodt, McMillan; Pendray, McRae, Miller, Porteous, Frampton, Peden and Johns.

Golf Simplified

By Charles (Chick) Evans, Jr.

Everybody's Playing Golf

I think that golf today is played by more people than any other game; but I do not mean by that that it will ever supplant baseball as an onlooker's game. Or indeed any other sport where large galleries may sit and obtain a fair view of the game.

Golf I hold is a beautiful spectacle, but the spectator works for everything that he sees, and it has been estimated that no gallery over fifteen hundred gives the individual a proper sight of the game. At the great matches there are many galleries of five and ten thousand people, but all that the individual can do is to try to specialize on certain shots being played. He certainly cannot see them all.

On the other hand the man in the bleachers can see every play that is made. In a way he may be considered to get his full money's worth, and at a very small expenditure of energy. But the noise about him is deafening, the air is bad and the sitting posture is a bit wearying. To put it more clearly, a park full of baseball fans come out to watch the other fellow exercise. He gets his money's worth but he does not get any of the exercise.

Now the golf gallery pays its way. It works for every vantage point and it works hard, and unless it is a very obliging gallery extraordinarily careful of the other person's rights, the individual may work his hardest and obtain nothing more than a passing sight of a ball flying down the course or the glimpse of a ball that failed to go into the cup, caught over the shoulder of a man a little shorter than you. But you have had the inestimable advantage of an invigorating walk over springy turf amid pleasant surroundings. And in well-conducted tournaments you hear at the end of a hole exactly how each player stands. You may not have seen it all but between your hearing and your imagination you can have a pretty good idea of the hole just played. And with it all there is that feeling of exhilaration that no sitting gallery can ever obtain.

I am perfectly aware of the fact that more people prefer to sit and be entertained than to walk in search of amusement. Unless this feeling of average humanity can be changed, and I think it is lasting, the number of spectators at big ball games will always be greater than golf galleries.

Baseball, however, is a game of trained specialists, professionals of the first rank, while golf is a game for the individual, more nearly amateur at heart than any other sportsman. The fresh air, the exercise and the individuality of the game pleases the individual and therefore I say that more people are playing golf than any other game.

Oliver Government Wins At Golf From Alberta

Two members of the British Columbia Cabinet, Hon. T. D. Pattullo and Hon. W. H. Sutherland, took on Premier Brownlee and Minister of Public Works Ross, of Alberta, in a golf match at Oak Bay, Wednesday, and defeated them by three up and two to play.

Soviet Dislike For Swiss Soil Alarms Geneva

Russians Are Unwilling to Attend Any Conference Held in Switzerland—Will Not Forgive Assassination

GENEVA, Dec. 24.—Soviet Russia's reported refusal to attend any disarmament conference held on Swiss soil has brought about a dramatic political situation in Switzerland. The whole matter goes back to the assassination by Maurice Conradi, a Swiss engineer, of Vaslava Verovsky, Soviet envoy to the Lausanne conference in May, 1923, and Conradi's subsequent trial and acquittal.

Basing its attitude on the conviction that it was a grave error to allow the Conradi case to develop into a trial and condemnation of Bolsheviki actions, the state council of Geneva has addressed a letter to the federal council at Berne asking reconsideration of the Swiss relations with Russia.

Fear is expressed that Russian hostility to Switzerland as a result of the Vorovsky incident and the Soviet's repeated declarations that it will attend no conferences on Swiss soil eventually may force the League of Nations to move to some city outside this country.

Conradi assassinated Vorovsky and wounded two of his companions early in May, 1923. He immediately surrendered to the police, justifying his act as one of vengeance for the murder of relatives by the Bolsheviks in Russia.

Japanese Farmers Refuse to Fertilize Because of Sun Spots

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The presence of "spots" on the sun is declared to have caused a decided slump in the sale of artificial fertilizer in Japan.

A boom trade had been expected earlier in the year, but thus far dealers have found business extremely bad. An investigation disclosed that the superstitious Japanese farmers feared that the presence of sun spots meant that a famine was due next year, and that the purchase of fertilizers would be just so much waste of money.

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Immodest Dress Is Attacked by Society Women

Leaders in U.S. Capital Begin Campaign Against Some of Present Tendencies in Feminine Attire

Broader, Longer Skirts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Society leaders in the national capital have begun a campaign against some of the present tendencies in the dress and habits of American women.

Mrs. John B. Henderson, long an influential figure in the exclusive circles of diplomatic and official Washington, has made public a set of resolutions to which she and other social leaders here have subscribed, calling on society women everywhere "to abandon cigarettes and immodest attire."

Officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Mrs. Henderson said, had assured her they are ready to combat as far as possible habits which threaten the perpetuity of the American nation.

As made public by Mrs. Henderson, the resolutions endorsed by influential society women here are as follows:

Moderns "Out of Date"

"That we are deeply interested in the efforts of certain high dignitaries of church and schools who have met hoping to modify undesirable prevailing fashions for women's apparel, and have hopelessly laid the blame to mothers, calling upon them to come to the rescue; that we feel that they do not realize that Dame Fashion is a powerful potentate; that a large number of American girls now work for an independent living, and if chided by helpless mothers concerning questions of fashions they simply regard such mothers as out of date and old fashioned.

"That the best women of France and England, also as here represented in their Embassies, also by the Royal family of England, do not follow fashions of women's apparel not in good taste, quite regardless of fashions which are dictated by the underworld of Paris.

Vulgar Fashions Condemned

"That we suggest for street wear dress skirts broader and of ankle length.

"That we call upon society women of America everywhere to band together to condemn such vulgar fashions of women's apparel that do not tend to cultivate innate modesty, good taste or good morals.

"That women's colleges, whose mission it is to teach what best befits girls for future life, viz., life's greatest asset, normal physical health, could aid in discipline by dismissing those who refuse to conform to college rules."

Pope Pius Closes Holy Door at Rome

Seventy Thousand See Ceremony Bringing Year of Penitence and Pardon to End

ROME, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius XI, picturesquely clad in robes of rich design and surrounded by ecclesiastical dignitaries, who, in sumptuous attire, today performed the ceremony of closing the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter, the mammoth mother church of Roman Catholicism.

The ceremony officially brought to a close the year of penitence and pardon especially marked on the Catholic calendar once every quarter of a century. The Holy Door had remained open since a year ago today, when the Pope was the central figure in a similar opening ceremony. Since that time more than three million Catholic pilgrims from every corner of the world had crossed the sill and kissed the door posts as a sign of humility.

Most of them likewise kissed the celebrated fisherman's ring on the right hand of their supreme spiritual leader and received a medal commemorative of the Holy Year from the Pontiff's own hands.

Seventy thousand persons filled the great basilica and its massive portico today to bear witness to the time-honored solemn ceremony. Other thousands congregated in the spacious St. Peter's Square, knowing they could never see any part of the ceremony, but hoping to receive some spiritual benefit from such close proximity.

At least they could feel a thrill from the deep-toned bell of St. Peter's, which tolled the knell of parting jubilee year and at the same time permeated the year with Yuletide vibrations.

Except for the touch of modernity lent by the lay participants, the ceremony was an exact reproduction of the first Holy Door ceremony of 1300, when Dante and St. Francis of Assisi were numbered among those present.

Capri Sirens Save Couple From Death; They Get Married

ISLAND OF CAPRI, Italy, Dec. 24.—Like Scylla and Charybdis of Greek mythology, this beautiful island, whose rugged cliffs rise sheerly out of the azure waters of the Bay of Naples, has sirens. But its enchantresses, unlike those whom Homer described as tempting voyagers to their doom, recall men and women from shadows of despair.

At least, Karl Auberger and Anna Tschol, both Germans, aver that the sirens exist. Auberger and Fraulein Tschol came here separately, each intending to commit suicide because of a series of misfortunes.

They met on the cliffs and there confided in each other. Soon, under the spell of Capri's beauty, they forgot their original intention and decided to face life again—together.

When they told their story to Italian officials, financial assistance to return to Germany was given them.

Officer Saves Woman And Child From Fire

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—Constable Wormald, of the Toronto police force, saved a woman and a baby from death by fire early today. Placing a ladder against an upstairs window, he removed Mrs. Isaac Mints, the tenant, and her baby to the street. Several hundred dollars' damage was done to the building and contents.

Jail Breaker's Sister Given Lenient Sentence

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—Helen McKenzie, found guilty of aiding her brother Archie to evade capture after his escape from the Provincial jail here last October, was today given a two-year suspended sentence. The brother is serving respective sentences of eight and three years for theft and jail breaking.

Government Phones Make Money

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—The Manitoba government telephone system completed its fiscal year with a profit of $150,000, a surplus of nearly $85,000 over the estimated revenue. By 1930 John Lowery, telephone commissioner, predicts that the system will have wiped out its deficit which last year amounted to $967,819.

Aged Priest Dies

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Dec. 24.—Rt. Rev. Donald J. McIntosh, vicar-general of the Roman Catholic diocese of Antigonish, died today at St. Maratha's Hospital, Antigonish, following three weeks' illness. He was seventy-six years old and a native of Antigonish county.

Nova Scotia Coal Probe

HALIFAX, Dec. 24.—The Royal Commission investigating the coal industry of Nova Scotia, under the chairmanship of Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, concluded its evidence-taking sessions last night. The commission charged by the Government of Nova Scotia with the task of inquiring fully into all matters relating to the coal industry, has been engaged in the work for upward of two months.

Dead at Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—J. W. Nelis, prominent local manufacturers' agent, is dead here, aged seventy-two.

Life Insurance Agent: One moment, sir, before I fill in your application. What make of car do you drive?

Client: I don't drive any; I hate them!

Life Insurance Agent: Sorry, but our company no longer insures pedestrians!

Fire Losses for Year, So Far, at Very Low Figure

THANKS, partly, to the efficiency of the City Fire Department, Victoria is fortunate in the matter of fire losses, with the total for 1925 unlikely to exceed the extremely low figure of $38,948, according to a statement submitted to Mayor J. Carl Pendray yesterday.

Man Bequeaths Estate To Winnipeg G.W.V.A.

WINNIPEG Dec. 24.—Officials of the Winnipeg Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association have received notification that Charles Rude, who died recently in Duluth, Minn., has left his entire estate to the association. No details as to the value of the estate were indicated. Mr. Rude was a former resident of Winnipeg.

Automobile Bandits Rob Express Truck

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Forcing a Wells-Fargo Express truck to the curb, three bandits in an automobile tonight held up the company's messenger and escaped with about $5,000, a report to the police stated. The robbery took place in the business district shortly after the money shipment was received at the Southern Pacific station from the north.

Auto Victim Dies

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Mrs. C. J. Alexander, of Alaska, wife of an operator of salmon canneries, died here today. A mail truck driven by J. A. Slayton struck her in Seattle Tuesday. From that time she did not regain consciousness. Slayton, who hit her as she stepped out to take a street car, declared his machine was moving five miles an hour.

U.S. Justice Slow, Thinks Financier

Witness in B.C. Case Cites Prosecution Ten Years Old—Outcome Not Yet in Sight

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Speed is not a characteristic of United States justice, according to C. H. Unversagt, financier and mine promoter, known in Seattle and New York, who testified in a trial before Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald in Supreme Court that a prosecution for using the mails to defraud has been pending against him for ten years in the United States, and the outcome is not yet in sight, although Unversagt at one stage of the proceedings was successful.

The witness is the moving spirit behind the Mines Operating Company of South Dakota and the Lightning Creek Gold Gravel & Draining Company, Limited, whose placer gold mine in the Cariboo has engaged his interest for nearly twenty-five years.

Court Action Launched

A minority group of holders of the Lightning Creek company debentures is contesting the validity of an agreement which purports to have been executed in 1916, whereby the company transferred to the Mines Operating Company the right to operate the mine and receive fifty per cent of the output. The Mines Operating Company contends that this agreement is in priority to the debentures, which, in that event, would be a charge on fifty per cent of the mine production.

Witness charged that his opponents had forged documents and he accused them of working with Guggenheim interests, which were anxious, he said, to take his mine from him. He mentioned $12,000,000 as the value of the mine.

Hard Pressed for Cash

Although the property is reputedly worth this sum, the owners have been frequently pressed for ready cash, and some months ago, according to witness, he himself paid $2,000 for provincial taxes which were in default. Many and devious have been the means resorted to for financing this Cariboo mine. At one period the stockholders issued debentures to themselves for further advances. Some debentures have been exchanged for bullion warrants which certify that the holder of the document owns a specified amount of gold on Lightning Creek. The Mines Operating Company and the Great Cariboo Company were, apparently, holding companies.

The Northwest Company of Seattle came into the picture recently, when there was a prospect of its acquiring a lease of the mine. To the Standard Trust Company of New York was issued $100,000 of debentures.

Unversagt denied that he had received a cent of this $100,000 and although counsel stated that the books showed that $30,000 of stock had been issued to him, witness contended that the Lightning Creek company owed him $25,000.

To Combat Communism

ATHENS, Dec. 24.—The Greek Government has decided to combat Communism. To this end it will make voting in the future compulsory. This is an outcome of municipal elections at Saloniki, where M. Patrikious was re-elected mayor, notwithstanding the fact that the Government had annulled his previous election on grounds that he was a Communist.

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Reds Find Ten Commandments Of Catherine the Great of Russia

Royal Rules Found by Bolsheviki While Dismantling Palace—Transgressors Forced to Drink Water and to Memorize Poetry of Russia's Worst Bard

LENINGRAD, Dec. 24.—While dismantling the sumptuous drawing-room of the late Empress Alexandria in the famous Winter Palace, the Bolsheviki authorities discovered a quaint set of rules of social conduct written by Catherine the Great in 1785. Catherine, who was one of the most versatile and gifted woman of her time, caused these "ten commands" to be posted at the entrance to the Imperial Chambers:

1. Leave your rank outside, as well as your hat, and especially your sword.

2. Leave your right of precedence, your pride and similar feelings outside the door.

3. Be gay, but do not spoil anything; do not break or gnaw anything.

4. Sit, stand, walk as you will, without reference to anybody.

5. Talk moderately, and not very loudly, so as not to make the ears and heads of others ache.

6. Argue without anger and without excitement.

7. Neither sigh nor yawn, nor make anybody dull or heavy.

8. In all innocent games, whatever one proposed, let all join.

9. Eat whatever is sweet and savory, but drink with moderation so that each may find his legs upon leaving the room.

10. Tell no tales out of school. Whatever goes in at one ear must go out at the other before leaving the room.

Transgressors of these royal regulations were obliged, upon the testimony of two witnesses, to drink a glass of cold water for each offence, "not excepting the ladies." They also were compelled to read a page of "Telemachiade," a thoroughly bad poem composed by Tretiakofsky, an unfortunate native poet of the time, whose literary reputation thereby became ruined. Those who broke any three of the rules during the same evening were required to commit six lines of "Telemachiade" to memory. Any offender against the tenth rule was never again admitted to Catherine's presence.

Love of "Molly" Turned in Prince Of Wales' Absence

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Prince of Wales does not often lose friends, but as a result of his prolonged absence during his South African and South American trip, a canine friend has turned from him, despite all the blandishments of his royal master.

This is his cream-colored Cairn terrier "Molly," a pet of two years, which the Prince left with Lady Burton, who breeds Cairn terriers, when he started his long journey.

Lady Burton made a pet of Molly, and on the day of the Prince's return took the dog to York House. When the Prince went to greet Molly she would not even look at him. For several days he tried to regain her friendship, but in vain. The dog became quite unhappy, would not eat, and had to be returned to Lady Burton's kennels.

"I can never quite understand," said Smith to his friend, "why you insist on calling your new house a bungalow."

"Well, very easily explained," was the reply. "In the first place the job was a bungle, and in the second I still owe for it."

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Women Are Proving Popular as Masters Of Hounds in England

TIVERTON, Dec. 24.—Eve as master of fox hunting packs has proved a tremendous success in England, and one reason is the fact that by her tact and charm she has been able repeatedly to placate surly farmers when men have failed.

One of the best known women masters is Miss Kathleen Styles, of the West Kent hounds, which is one of the favorite packs of Prince Henry.

At present there are at least eleven women masters of fox hounds, eighteen women honorary secretaries of clubs and about twenty women masters of harriers and beagles.

Fox hunting is on in full tilt throughout the country, Princess Mary and the Duchess of York having participated recently in several chases in this vicinity. Another keen follower of the hounds is Lady Jean Douglas Hamilton, who frequently hunts all day and then attends a theatre party or a ball in London in the evening.

Dancers Delight in "Three Little Maids"

Specialty Dancers Appearing in "Three Little Maids," Starring G. P. Huntley, the Attraction at the Royal Victoria Tonight and Saturday Matinee and Evening.

At the Playhouses

CAPITOL THEATRE An unusually brilliant cast of notables appears this week at the Capitol Theatre in First National's latest Milton Sills starring picture, "The Unguarded Hour." Sills has the stellar role. Doris Kenyon is featured. The supporting players include Jed Prouty, Claude King, Dolores Cassinelli, Vivia Ogden, Cornelius Keefe, Lorna Duveen and Charles Beyer. Lambert Hillyer directed the picture.

COLISEUM THEATRE Saturday night will be the last night for "Going Some" at the Coliseum Theatre after a successful week's run. It has been a good sample of the comedy that the gifted players can dish up and an indication of what can be expected next week in the elaborate pantomime "Sinbad the Sailor," with the cast of over thirty people, which will occupy the boards next week. "Inez From Follywood" is the feature picture.

COLUMBIA THEATRE Join the marines and see the world! On the other hand, you can go to the Columbia Theatre and see England as you'll never see it on a Cook's tour. "Sporting Life," the Universal-Jewel Maurice Tourneur feature now playing there, present a gripping picture of English sporting circles, giving intimate glimpses of supper clubs, back-stages in musical comedy theatres, race tracks, country estates and prize-rings.

DOMINION THEATRE Babs Comet quits her job at the Dominion Theatre Saturday when final performances of Corinne Griffith's new screen offering, "Classified," will be given. Babs has been behind the counter there daily, accepting want ads and getting into all sorts of adventures. Piquant, pert and prettily primed, she has been a real source of amusement and has deepened the impression made on the public by Miss Griffith. It is a new type for this actress and constitutes new proof of her versatility.

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE "The Katzenjammer Kids" is the play which has been running with conspicuous success at the Playhouse all this week. The show is one of real merit, and has proved a favorite with Playhouse patrons. It appeals to young and old, who greatly enjoy the fine acting. Irvin Willat follows his productions of "North of '36," and the "Air Mail" with "Rugged Water," a Paramount screen version of the Joseph C. Lincoln novel of the Cape Cod Life-Saving Service.

AMUSEMENTS

The Screen

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Columbia—"Sporting Life" with Bert Lytell.

Dominion—Corinne Griffith in "Classified."

The Stage

Coliseum—"Going Some."

Playhouse—"The Katzenjammer Kids."

Royal—"Three Little Maids."

"Old Mother Hubbard" Will Be Seen Next Week at Playhouse

All records for attendance at the Playhouse will likely be broken next week when the management of that theatre will present one of the best combined programmes of entertainment ever offered in the city. The stage production will be the Reginald Hincks, big Christmas pantomime, "Old Mother Hubbard," while the screen classic will be Warner Bros., "The Limited Mail," an epic of the huge steel monsters that rush headlong over the shining tracks.

Reginald Hincks has written a pantomime that will simply keep Playhouse patrons in convulsions of laughter all next week. With Ernie Petch representing "Old Mother Hubbard," Hincks himself performing as "King Carbuncle," and Harold Bechtel as the colored man "Sambo," and a splendid supporting cast, the unqualified success of the entertainment is assured.

Pathos and Comedy In New Picture at Columbia Monday

The pathos of two youngsters, left motherless, is painted in vivid, heart-wringing fashion in Fred Thomson's most recent picture, "Ridin' the Wind." It is filled with smashing, whirlwind action, and proves a positive panic when it comes to comedy. Nothing the popular Western star has ever done eclipses in point of real humor his scenes in the boudoir of the village widow, where he tries desperately and with some success to hide from the fearful and fearsome occupant. Silver King is given another great part, and will throw any audience into fits when he shows that he is jealous of Fred's old Ford car. "Ridin' the Wind" will be shown for the first time here on the screen of the Columbia Theatre next Monday, when it begins a three days' run.

Emolument of Prime Minister Is Small

Poor Men in Public Life Fight Never-Ending Struggle With Debt

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In the course of an article in "English Life," Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, former Labor Prime Minister, discussing the emolument of a Prime Minister, writes:

"It is safe to say that no Prime Minister in modern times, when the extravagance of the Georgian days has been greatly diminished, finds or can find his salary munificent, or his savings in any way adequate to bear the burdens he takes with him when the door of 10 Downing Street closes upon him . . . 10 Downing Street makes a heavy inroad upon, and is not an addition to, the salary, and Chequers, that gracious gift of peace and refreshment, though it may properly be added to the enjoyment of the office, must be regarded, in spite of Lord Lee's endowment and a body of the most generous and considerate of trustees, as a minus quantity in its cash emoluments. The Prime Minister's salary is £5,000 and not a halfpenny more, and of that the State deducts about £1,500 in taxes.

"It may be that the spirit of public service is thriftless and extravagant in personal possessiones, or that it leaves no time—though Mr. Gladstone apparently found it—to watch balances at the bank and keep expenditure within the limits of income, or it may be that the wear and tear of public life need a heavy expenditure to make them good in mental and physical comfort, but the common history of all men of modest possessions in public life is a never-ending struggle with debt. If the public would only understand I am not at all sure that the fact is to be greatly deplored."

Island of Yap Struck By Pacific Tidal Wave

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The Navy Department reports that the Island of Yap experienced a tidal wave and storm on December 15. Buildings along the coast were severely damaged, but there were no casualties. The wireless station was not damaged.

Colleen Moore in "We Moderns" to Show At Capitol Monday

Ultra modernism as practiced in London society—quite the last word on the subject—is revealed in all its wildness in "We Moderns," the new First National offering to open at the Capitol Theatre next week.

The new play of hectic high life among Britain's post-war youth brings back to the screen Colleen Moore in the type of characterization for which she is best known. For the space of two productions Miss Moore appeared in most artistically sedate roles which demonstrated her great versatility. But her admirers continued to demand jazz—so in the coming production it's a plain case of "on with the dance."

Colleen is reported to give an electrifying performance and to have the support of an ideal cast, with Jack Mulhall as her leading man.

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"Kiss for Cinderella" Opens at Dominion On Monday Next

Perhaps no picture ever made in the Paramount Long Island studio ever required such care in detail of casting as the vast ballroom scene of "A Kiss for Cinderella," the celluloid version of the famous Barrie play, which Herbert Brenon directed with Betty Bronson in the leading role, at the Dominion Theatre next week.

The task of selecting the four hundred extras who appear in that spectacular episode was a matter of two weeks' work on the part of Casting Director William Cohill.

More than twenty different types had to be chosen—courtiers, English policemen, bridesmaids, coachmen, footmen, postillions, pages, chefs.

Some of this vast throng who entertain Cinderella at the ball are of a highly specialized type. Five vaudeville acts of clowns and jugglers were engaged, and the selection of the twenty-four court beauties was a matter of painstaking searching for the most beautiful girls to be found in New York.

London Opera Season Is Losing Money for Backers

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Accounts of the London Opera Syndicate for 1925 make a poor showing.

An eight week season at Covent Garden is being conducted at considerable loss, there being only an average booking of seventy-eight per cent of the theatre capacity against the necessary ninety-four per cent.

Gauged by the average bookings for each performance the order of popularity is "Tosca," "Rosenkavalier," "Meistersinger," "Fedora," "Tristan," "Aida," "Rigoletto," "Lucia," "Lohengrin," "Barbiere," "Walkure" and "Madame Butterfly."

About 10,000 ships belonging to forty-eight nations are engaged in ocean traffic.

Soviet Remains In Power While Principles Melt

Bolsheviki Continue Hold on Power at Moscow; But Basic Creed of Revolution Has Entirely Disappeared

Lenin Set New Policy

The eighth anniversary of the Bolshevist coup d'etat finds the Soviet Government strongly entrenched, says The N. Y. Herald Tribune. It testifies to the determination and resourcefulness of the Soviet leaders that they should have maintained themselves in power while the basic creed of the Bolshevist revolution has steadily melted away. At Moscow it is admitted that the Government is not a distatorship of the workers and not a dictatorship of the wordeks and Communist Party in behalf of the workers and peasants. The economic system operated by the Soviet Government is not a Communist system, but what used to be called interchangeably State Socialism or State Capitalism. Dogma has steadily retreated before fact.

The first great departure was made by Lenin himself when he introduced in 1921 the celebrated New Economic Policy, the NEP, which sanctioned the restoration of internal private trade. Money, which was abolished in the first ardors of "war Communism," has been restored, and it is Moscow's boast that her gold ruble is more stable than some of the currencies of Western Europe.

Taxation in Kind Gone

Taxation in kind was abolished after it had brought the nation and the Bolshevist revolution to the verge of collapse. Private property in land has been virtually restored under the system which grants to the peasant a tenure for his lifetime and that of every member of his family, including adopted children. The wage system on the land was restored in April of the present year, when the peasant was permitted to hire and fire labor. The wage system in the factories has been restored by a decree in the same month, which permitted private industrialists to employ labor without restriction on numbers.

These compromises have been extorted by necessity. Where the Government is a dictatorship and legislation is by decree there is no assurance of permanency about such concessions. Thus, under pressure from the Communist orthodox, Lenin's NEP was modified in 1923 and private trade was subjected to crushing taxes and other harassmenis. But the facts have proved too powerful, and at present there is a return to Lenin's resiliency; there is a Neonep, a "New New Policy." Today it is the Soviet contention that, after the old Russian fashion, the Government retreats only to advance.

Monopoly of Key Industries

So long as the Government retains hold of the key industries and of the monopoly in foreign trade, it dominates; and it employs the interval to educate its members for conducting industry efficiently. But the fight against inefficiency is far from won at Moscow.

Outside of Russia the Communist principle shows a record of even greater defeat. Basic to the Russian experiment was the confident expectation of a world revolution. That hope has admittedly vanished in Western Europe and is waning in Asia, where Communism concentrated heavily against Western "imperialism." During the Peace Conference at Paris it used to be said that it was a race between the Woodrow Wilson idea and the Lenin idea. Would Western Europe show that recuperation was possible under the existing economic and political system, or would it go over in despair to Bolshevism? The answer, plainly indicated for a number of years, has just been emphatically given at Locarno.

Europe's Moral Bloc

Moscow's first reaction to the security pacts was to describe them as a European bloc against Russia. That is true, though not in Moscow's sense. The nations of Western Europe will not send their armies against Soviet Russia nor conduct economic warfare against her. The Locarno bloc is moral. It has deprived the Russian Government of what vague hopes it had of alliance against the Allies. But in a wider sense Locarno, by giving stability to Western Europe, compels Soviet Russia to a test before world opinion. It permits a clearer comparison between democratic institutions in Western Europe and Sovietism in Russia as measured in what the two have accomplished for the well-being of their respective peoples.

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Wartime Gathering Recalls Olden Crime

Sidelight on Famous Ontario Murder Trial Incident to Officers' Meeting in Flanders

Recent publication of the story of the Birchall case, that world-famous murder trial held years ago at Woodstock, Ontario, when the pseudo-aristracrat Birchall was convicted of luring the young Englishman, Benwell, to Canada and killing him, has brought to light a very interesting sidelight on the case.

In 1916, Lieut.-Col. A. C. Pratt, in command of the 133rd Battalion, was transferred to the Imperials, his own unit having been broken up and used as reinforcements following the Somme offensive.

For a time he was stationed at G.H.Q. Montreuil and at Abbeville. After this, he was sent to Dunkirk to command the line of communication troops.

Soon after his arrival there, he was invited to meet the officers in command of the various units at a luncheon given by the base commander.

Among others present was a captain of the Royal Navy directing operations out of Dunkirk. He sat directly opposite Col. Pratt and seemed unusually interested on discovering that his brother officer was a Canadian. The naval officer asked about Woodstock, and it suddenly dawned on the colonel that the man's name had a familiar ring. He explained that he knew the city very well, had gone to school there and also was thoroughly familiar with the country roundabout.

"Have you ever been in Woodstock?" he finally enquired.

The officer replied that he had not but that a younger brother had unfortunately visited that part of Ontario some years before.

Col. Pratt was sitting opposite the brother of the young man who had been done to death in the Blenheim Swamp.

Captain Benwell, incidentally, had one of the outstanding naval records of the war and was responsible for the successful manoeuvres against the Germans carried out from Dunkirk.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Arilla Grosvenor, thirty-one, of New York, died today of injuries received Monday, when the car in which she was riding, skidded and struck a tree. Her brother, Albert Frost, of Detroit, was seriously injured. Lord Cheylesmore, of Alix, Alta., the other member of the party, was uninjured.

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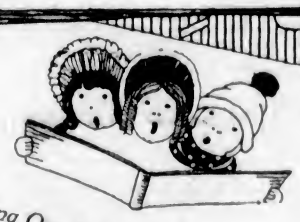

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THE MIRACLE

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A Story of the Wonder of Christmas

IT WAS not possible for the doctor to see the man's face. But he did not wish to see it again. It had profoundly depressed him. The ruin of a face that had once been fine and noble, now, at the end of life, marred with the vices of the world.

The man was speaking. He had been talking for a long time; an irrelevant, disjointed discourse; matters that seemed to have no relation to the vital matter. He now returned to it—in a sentence.

"I have known a miracle to happen," he said.

It was a reference to the doctor's decision when he had been searched out in this South American port to visit an American on his yacht in the bay; a wealthy, dying American. The verdict was correct. The man was dying. Only a miracle could save him. The doctor had been frank about it. The man continued with his sentence.

"The miracle didn't happen to me, but it happened to another."

He paused, and looked up. The Southern Cross hung low down in the heavens, that wonder of the sky visible below the equator.

"Do you know what night this is?"

The doctor did not reply. One did not need to be reminded that this was the night before Christmas. All the emblems of the great Roman Church were lighted and displayed in this South American city; to be seen dimly from the dark bay, like illuminated cells in the hive of some cliff bees. The bay was dark as though the night were packed into it; merely the outlines of the yacht were visible. The sick man, in a long deck-chair, was only a shadow. The doctor sat a little way beyond him, near the rail. He could neither see the man nor the sea clearly. The ripple of the water alone indicated the vicinity of the ocean. The deck of the yacht might have been the floor of a drawing-room; there was hardly any motion.

The sick man went on. The doctor thought he indicated the great constellation above him with a gesture, although he could not see the gesture.

"Wonderful emblem, the Cross," he said. "Religions are a profound mystery."

He paused.

"I was speaking of a miracle that happened."

The voice was lower and on a softer note.

"Did you ever read the Gospel According to St. Luke? I want you to think about that Gospel. I mean the story of the Nativity as it is written in that Gospel; not the other stories of it. You wouldn't understand it yet."

He broke off suddenly in his discourse.

"Do you think it makes any difference about names or the places where things happen?"

The doctor replied to that.

"Yes," he said. "It sometimes makes a great deal of difference; a name is a symbol." It was an answer that the man did not expect, but he reflected upon it.

"That may be true," he said; "consequently I am not going to give a name or indicate the place where this thing happened."

He moved in the chair as though he adjusted his big body to a more comfortable posture. The doctor was indifferent. He was accustomed to the confessions, the intimate stories of broken men. He knew the mental symptom, as he knew the quickened pulse and the falling temperature, at the end of life, and he respected it as something to be endured. He was silent.

The man began his narrative with a query; a query that was a statement rather than an interrogation.

"Have you forgotten what a December night is like in North America, or is everything hot and soft to you? Well, try to remember what such a night is like. Think of the sky hard and bright, full of stars; the earth crisp; the air sharp—a bit of wind carrying a light drift of snow—not heavy flakes that so quickly cover the world, but that thin mist of snow that drifts sometimes in the chill air. Think of a great country house on a hill, a gravel road passing out at a pillared gate into a paved highway, leading across a raw land to the sea. And think of this place—this house, these park grounds, as the only thing of beauty in a crude country welled in by mountains. You know the sort of country east of the Appalachian range, running southwestward through America."

He paused.

"Now you have the place, with no name attached to it. Try to think about something else. I want you to see a woman in this house. I am going to tell you about her. She was the loveliest human creature that ever lived. You can't think of anything as lovely. Try it.

"I'll tell you how she was dressed; I know all about it; I know each detail about it, and I know what she was doing. I know everything she did."

There was a break in the narrative.

"You see, the miracle didn't happen to me; it happened to her, and one does not forget the details of a miracle."

He went on.

"You keep the details in your mind, and when I get through you will understand why I say she was the loveliest human creature that ever lived. I want you to think of her as she was that night—that Christmas Eve—that night the miracle happened. She wore a house-gown of iris blue, beautifully embroidered in Japanese designs; her yellow hair, soft, heavy and delicate, hung in two wrist-thick plaits on either side of her face, extending themselves over the iris-blue to the knee. Her features were very nearly perfect, her eyes large, the mouth small, but the dominating beauty of the woman was her exquisite figure. One never could wish to change a contour of it.

"You see, she had been a beauty from the cradle; it was a sort of profession to her—a sort of genius in her. The will behind events had designed her for a life of pleasure—not for the sort of life she had gotten into. She was standing before the wood fire in the drawing-room of this big house. I want you to start in with that so you will get the details of the miracle clear in your mind.

"She was alone. The last servant had gone on this night to the village. The house was silent. She thought there was a vague menace in this silence."

He paused.

"You see, Doctor, I know all about this. I know the very impressions she had, but it was not a sense of fear that impregnated this silence. This woman wasn't afraid. She was moving toward an irrevocable act, deliberately considered. She had the will to dismiss any peril in events, but tragic happenings cannot be willed away. A lack of fear does not face them out of life. She knew the awful wreckage that might lie just beyond the door, as one knows vaguely how the liner under one's feet may be on the instant ripped up by the Arctic ice, or the gleaming express piled up in the canon under a washed-out bridge. These things might happen; but one took the risk."

He broke off suddenly.

"Do you understand what I am endeavoring to tell you?"

"Yes," said the doctor; "go on."

He was only vaguely interested. He was wondering how soon this voice would close. It was the worst case of embolism he had ever seen. Already the man's legs were paralyzed. How soon would a detached fragment floating in the blood-stream stop his heart?

But in spite of that lack of interest he was beginning in his imagination to grasp the details of this picture. They were clear, accurate details, and in his mind the doctor saw the woman and the house.

The monotonous voice of the man held him, and he seemed to move up to the extraordinary scene as one advances to a window. He forgot about the dying man in the chair. He began to live in the tense drama of the story. The voice in the dark went on.

"The drawing-room was in a soft light. The windows were covered with heavy blue curtains, closely drawn; a great blue divan stood across the room before the fire; the lamp on the table beside it was screened by a shade; the logs in the fire place smouldered.

"The woman did not move under this introspection, but her face hardened. This house—which she, herself, had insisted upon—was the only thing of beauty in this raw land. The town beyond was a Southern village, with an industrial development superimposed upon it, and over against it were the mountains and their simple people inconceivably primitive.

"The motives moving her husband seemed sentimental.

"Because the fortune he inherited had been built up here, must he use that fortune and his own life to advance the civilization of that State, clean its Government, and elevate its standards of life? Duty, obligation! She shrugged her shoulders at the words—and he wanted a home and family! She smiled, the corners of her lovely mouth dimpling at this extreme absurdity. What she intended to have was the thing for which nature, with so much care, had so exquisitely formed her—a life of pleasure.

"It had become clear in the few months of her marriage, and now on this night the step should be irrevocably taken. She was no wavering coward weakly entering on some half-way measure. The man was already in the village; she was to call him on the telephone when she was ready. That was the signal. Fortunately the great national highway, hard-surfaced, smooth in Winter, passed before the gardens; the big enclosed car would race east. Everything was arranged—the assumed names, the false passports, and then care-free, wild, lovely life at Mentone, at Como, at Paris; a life of beauty, a life of pleasure.

"But it had been necessary to move with care.

"She was not quite sure about her husband, for all her knowledge of him; these big, simple, kindly men were sometimes deadly persons in a tragic affair. Her face softened a little at the memories of him. All were affected in some degree by a devotion that never failed. And if one were ill, or tired, or old, or unhappy—. She put the reflection resolutely aside. He had gone to a neighboring city on one of his plans for industrial schools in the mountain; he had missed a train connection and could not arrive tonight.

"Fortune favored those who seized her firmly.

"She sent the servants off to a dance in the village, and laid out the plan. Every detail was complete. It all turned now on a mere word over a telephone.

"She got a cigarette out of an octagon cloisonne box on the table by the divan, lighted it, and returned to the fire. How strange that huge, cyclonic events could be made to turn on an act so simple; at a word over the telephone in the butler's pantry a gate of bronze would swing heavily on its hinge, opening one avenue of life and closing with its noiseless bolts the way of another. And if she were silent life would go on as it was.

"She drew in the smoke and exhaled it in tiny blue threads. She glanced about the room. She loved it, and had taken an extreme care in bringing out the beauty of it. She realized how, even with the difficult Christmas decoration—the holly, the mistletoe, the inevitable green—her sure taste had, nevertheless, preserved the soft, vague charm of this room.

"And suddenly, as though it were a new impression, the significance of the night appeared. It was Christmas Eve. She smiled; the conventions had been kept; she had, even, a present for her husband. And she remembered how, with a man's clumsy finesse, he had hidden a bulky package behind the clothing in his wardrobe, imagining that he was concealing there the beautiful mink coat which she had so cleverly permitted him to divine she wished. Well, she would need it tonight. And it was time to get things on the way.

She threw the cigarette into the fire, linked her fingers behind her back, and lifted her firm, lithe body, extending the muscles. She was incredibly lovely in that pose—a pagan doll. Her small, fine head crowned with its heavy straw-colored hair and her body supple as a chatah's.

"She went out to the telephone in the butler's pantry. On her way through the dining-room a rug tripped her; she stumbled, and was startled by a cry. She sprang back and half turned.

"Somewhere a child wailed feebly.

"The woman remained on tiptoe, her hands clutched in an involuntary gesture against her breast. She thought the sound was just here, beside her, in the house. But it was not. It was outside. But it was not far away. It was somewhere in the close neighborhood of the house, and it continued. The low, wailing cry went on clearly audible. It appeared to fill the vast empty spaces of the house, to extend itself, to fill the world.

"And to the startled woman it seemed to possess a quality even more disturbing. It groped about in the silence, as though it felt blindly for something it was seeking! It was a quality in the weak, feeble voice, helpless, dependent, in distress.

"She listened, and presently her composure returned.

"She went to a window of the drawing-room on the side of the house toward the direction from which the sounds seemed to emerge. It was clearly a very young child, and it was crying on this side of the house, very near, in the direction of the cow-barns.

"She had herself now completely in hand.

"She had been startled. In spite of her imagined composure she had been on some strain, and a play of fancy had thereby attended the arrival of this event. She was able now calmly to regard it, and to consider what should be done. There was, of course, one thing only to be done. She must find out who had arrived and get rid of them.

"Witnesses here of the events about to happen must be prevented at all cost. There was no one to send. She must go herself.

"But the child puzzled and disturbed her. There was no young child among the servants or among the tenants of the estate. Perhaps the cry had been simulated; was some sort of ruse. Not likely. The sound was, beyond question, the feeble wailing of a very young child.

"Nevertheless she would take a precaution.

"She went up to her husband's room and pulled out the drawer of the high-boy where he kept a pistol. The big automatic was not there. He never took this weapon with him on any journey, and it was usually in this drawer. Doubtless he had placed it otherwhere about the room, and she thought of searching for it; but instead she returned to the hall below, got an electric flash, put on a pair of stout rubbers and a heavy coat, and went out. Persons attended by a baby could not present any element of danger.

"There was no wind now and the thin drift of snow had disappeared. The night was hard and clear; the earth crisp with frost; the sky, domed over, was sown with stars. There was no moon, but the world was filled with a clear white light. She went around the house, passed the long terrace on the south side and along a path among the oak trees.

"How bright the stars were! A planet directly beyond her at the end of the path gleamed like an immense jewel.

"She went toward it.

"And she smiled at a vagrant fancy. If it were Venus, it was neat augury—she would be racing presently in a great motor toward the lure of that star. In the meantime it stood yonder above the cow barn.

"The door was open when she arrived. She stepped up inside and took the electric flash out of her pocket. The battery was nearly expended, but in the dim light she could make out a woman standing before her, a child in her arms, and a man in a sheepskin coat fastening a mule in one of the empty cow stalls."

The man stopped abruptly.

"Do you understand that, Doctor?"

The doctor was startled. He had forgotten about the narrator in the chair. He had entered into the scenes of the story; he had been following the woman, both in her physical environment and in her tragic emotional perplexity.

"Yes," he said, "I understand it. I understand it as a story, but I don't understand it as a miracle."

Again the man in the chair made some sort of a gesture which the doctor could not see.

"That's the reason I stopped just here," he said. "I wanted you to realize that, to understand everything about it right here. You see, I am coming to that part of the Gospel according to St. Luke that I was talking about a while ago."

He went on as though there had been no break in the narrative, as though he was reading a story from a book of romance.

"She knew who these people were; they were mountain people. The man did not speak, but the woman now addressed her. Her voice was soft and gentle, as are often the voices of these mountain women.

"'We got lost; an' the mule came in here. I reckon she knew there was a stable; animals know a lot.'

"'Lost?'

"The woman in the door echoed the word in astonishment.

"'How could you be lost? Where were you going?'

"'We were going home; we live in the mountain.'

"'And you lost your way? Impossible.' Everyone knows the roads about here.'

"'We don't. We never came to the town before.'

"The woman in the door seemed, all at once, to realize the situation before her.

"'You, with a young child, out on a night like this! You can't remain here. You must come with me, to the house, at once. I heard the child cry. It must be cold.'

"The other answered softly:

"'Yes, he did cry. I don't think he was cold. I don't know what made him cry.'

"Then she came forward out of the shadowy darkness that enveloped her.

"But at the threshold she paused and indicated the man beyond her in the cowstall.

"'Can he feed the mule? We've had our supper. But the mule might be hungry.'

"'Certainly, feed the mule and come on to the house.'

"The man did not reply. The woman spoke for him.

"'No, he'd rather stay here. He's got a big sheepskin coat. He won't be cold; he can sleep in the hay.'

"Then she added, as though the idea were a comfort to her:

"'Animals are friendly.'

"She came out into the light, and the mistress of the great house saw her clearly.

"She had the slender figure of the young mountain women; the dark hair and the olive skin. She wore a linsey dress woven in some loom of the hills and dyed with copperas; a narrow shawl, hand-woven of soft wool, also dyed with copperas, was around her head. The baby in her arms was covered with a white lambskin.

"The cows, scarcely visible in the line of stalls, disturbed doubtless by the man seeking food for the mule, uttered a low sound. The sound followed the woman and the child as they came out from the stable and entered on the path toward the house.

"The visitor sat on the divan before the wood fire, her yellow homespun dress, with its long skirt, fallen into lines of almost classic dignity; the child lay on the silk cushion beyond her."

". . . Her husband . . . waited all night at the gate of the grounds with his weapon."

"Halfway up the hill, at the first fringe of oak trees, the mistress of the house looked back.

"The path was a band of silver rising out of darkness, as over the rim of the world, and under the vague white light of the myriad stars clustered above her, the mountain woman, in her garments dyed with copperas, was a golden figure, that followed bearing a child in its arms.

"And suddenly, as by some enchantment, the scene, to the one who led, became unreal. She fled, and the other followed! The intent in things had changed. This was a figure from which she wished to escape. It must not overtake her. At any cost, at any hazard, she must evade it. The fancy seemed to extend itself; to overlie the duration and the vicissitudes of a life. To extend itself into every event of that life of pleasure upon which she was determined. Always that figure would follow; she could never escape. It would be there just behind her, inevitable and insistent like a shadow. And the woman, stimulated by the fancy, visualized in exquisite detail the exotic scenes of the life into which she was about to enter."

The man's voice ceased. He was silent for some time before the doctor in the dark by the rail of the yacht realized that the monotonous voice did not go on. It was a strange voice; there seemed to be no emotion in it; no feeling in it, and yet it evidently issued from the deepest feeling, from the most profoundly disturbed emotions. For a moment the doctor was alarmed. Had the dying man ceased to exist in the midst of this narrative? Finally he addressed him.

"Well," he said, "what happened?"

The voice went on then.

"I suppose you would call this a hallucination—some sort of a mental derangement. But it was real to this woman; it was just as real as the deck of this yacht, as this hot night, as that great flaming Cross up yonder. She said that she saw the Lake of Como.

"'Ever been to Como, Doctor? It's heaven on this earth! She said she saw it as clearly as she had ever seen it in life. A white villa dreamy in the sun; a path leading from the green-tiled terrace to the water; a narrow path descending through the flowering shrubs. The lake below it looked like a sapphire; it looked like a molten sapphire poured into the cup of the hills. She saw a man ascending on this path whose features and whose figure were vitalized with expectancy. He advanced among the flowering shrubs, like some errant god at adventure in the morning of the world."

He paused.

"I didn't make up that sentence, Doctor. That's the way she thought about it. In a moment she would be in his arms, and there to the left of the path, where his hand, if he should extend it, would touch her golden garment, was this woman! It was a persisting obsession. It was in some strange manner a part of herself. That's how she felt about it. It was like a defect in the eye, that no strain, no trick of vision would eliminate; yes, that was it. It was something etched forever on the lens of the eye. She could no longer see without it. Let her try. She returned from a garden, heavy with odor, through a casement door into a great room of masked dancers, her mouth thrilling with a kiss; a saturnalia of sound and color; every fairy costume swinging in the vast maze of the dance, and there in an island, surrounded by this riot, but never overrun by it, as though excluded by a wall, invisible but adamant, was this radiant thing.

"Anger, resentment, seized her.

"Why should her joy in life be negatived by a thing like this? Its very immobility was appalling. It neither coaxed nor menaced. It remained always the same, a part of her, projected eternally through the lens of the eye—a slight defect.

"The resentment moved her. She would assert her will. She would be rid of this intruder. And with her hand extended toward the latch of the door, she turned. And at once the disturbing fancy fell away like the unsubstantial fabric of a nightmare. There were only a mountain woman and her child meekly beside her. The woman spoke. There was friendly sympathy in the soft voice.

"'Did you get cold? You walked pretty fast.'

"'I'm sorry. I was thinking of something else.'

"'I know what that's like. You can do a lot of things when you are thinking and not know about it. Before he was born'—she indicated the child by an affectionate note of the voice—'I used to do all my work without knowing I'd done it. I was by myself most of the time.'

"Behind the leaded glass of the door hung a great wreath of holly crimson with berries. The symbol recalled the significance of the night to the mistress of the house, and it recalled also the venture upon which she was determined. And for a moment she was annoyed by the presence of the mountain woman—unfortunate that she should appear just at this time to require a shelter.

"Still, one could not deny it, on a night of Winter, to a mother with a child.

Better, of course, if it could have been avoided. It might make matters a trifle more difficult. But such a person could be easily managed. Besides, and she smiled as she opened the door; it would be a subtle touch for her husband to find a mother and child in his house instead of a pagan doll.

"'Come in.'

"She removed the rubbers and the coat and led the way into the drawing-room.

"'Shall I get you something to eat?'

"It seemed a queer reversal of affairs that she, a pampered exquisite, accustomed to the minutest service, should be, herself, serving this mountain woman. And, out of some perversion in the fancy, she selected the very finest articles for that service: a superb tray, a lustre bowl, very nearly priceless, and a napkin from a queen's dowry; and to further extend that perversion, she bade them in and presented them to the mountain women as though she were a maid in her service.

"She was impressed with the changed atmosphere of the room.

"The essence of things there had received something to complete it. That harmony which her faultless taste had ceaselessly endeavored to create had arrived.

"The visitor sat on the divan before the wood fire, her yellow homespun dress, with its long skirt, fallen into lines of almost classic dignity; the child lay on the silk cushion beside her, and in a mirror beyond she could see her own figure, advancing with the service.

"And in spite of this play-acting, she felt humbled and put down.

"In what hidden virtue lay the distinction of the scene? A girl from the most primitive life in the crudest clothing with a child.

"And yet the very scents of the room had changed; the perfume, the exotic cigarettes had been replaced by the fresh odors of the fields, as when windows are thrown open on a Spring morning.

"She put the tray down on the divan beside her visitor. She indicated the child.

"'Is he asleep?'

"'Yes.'

"'You came from the village?'

"'Yes, we had to go to pay our taxes. If you don't pay your taxes the State sells your land. We didn't want to lose our home—not now.'

"The mountain woman spoke softly, gently. She went on.

"'The sheriff don't come through the mountains to collect the taxes. He sets a day for everybody to come to the town.'

"'And you made that journey in Winter, in weather like this, with your child?'

"The mountain woman seemed too embarrassed to reply.

"He—he wasn't born then. He was born in the town. I had to go along when we went to pay the taxes; there was nobody to stay with me.'

"The mistress of the house was amazed at these simple details. But she made no further inquiry. She was seized with a sudden impulse—a longing to uncover the child, handle it, caress it. But instead she made some futile inquiry. Would the child take any injury from its exposure to the cold—the night—the journey? She had heard it cry.

"'No, it won't hurt him.'

"As though nothing could hurt him; as though her affection for this child, out of its own virtue, put him beyond injury; was in itself all-protective.

"And then she repeated what she had said at the cow-barn:

"'I don't know what made him cry.'

"The mistress of the house made some vague apology to cover her absence from the room, and went out. This was madness. What was happening to her firm fibre? The night was advancing. Matters could be no longer delayed. She must pull herself together. She went over to a closet in the dining-room, poured out a glass of liqueur, and drank it off.

"It had been brewed by the monks of Chartreuse before France doomed them to exile, and given to her as a bit of treasure. The potent liquaur ravived her spirit of revolt, her will to adventure. She would pack the articles she required and go. What had a woman of the hills to do with her? She had provided shelter, food, comfort for the night. Her obligations were ended.

"She paused, considering swiftly what articles she should take: gowns—jewels? No, the gowns had been purchased with her husband's money, and the jewels given by him. She smiled, her features tense—honor among thieves—as one would cut a throat and respect the coins in the pocket of the victim. Murder! It might be very nearly that. This man loved her. What would he do?

"She did not permit herself to reflect.

"The gowns, the jewels could remain; she would not need them. Fortunately, the one with them she went on this adventure had possessions as great as the one abandoned. What time was it? How still the world was!

"She threw open the French doors of the dining-room and stood out on the terrace.

"It must be approaching midnight. Presently the bells of the village would ring. But how still it was, and how the domes of the stars had closed down, drawn in on the house. That flaming planet. Had it moved?

"She looked up.

"For what mystery did everything wait? What was about to happen?

"Then she stepped back into the dining-room and closed the doors. The wicker flask on the shelf of the chest caught her eye. She swallowed what remained of the liquaur out of the mouth of the flask. It steadied her.

"She put up her hands to her hair, to the exquisite gown, to her throat, as though to tidy her appearance for the decisive act. Then she went into the butler's pantry.

"This was the only telephone in the house connecting directly with the village. It was an instrument for country service. There was a dim light where a tiny gas-jet burned.

"She paused.

"The silence in the house was like a pressure. It deepened and extended itself as with a profound, voiceless expectancy. It was as though the soul of things inanimate and immov-

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The Last Hours of a Doomed Queen

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No. 9 of Irvin Cobb's "Then and There" Series—The World's Greatest Events as Seen by Eye-Witnesses—History Told as You Would Read It in This Newspaper if It Happened Today

At fifteen, Marie Antoinette was married. At nineteen she was a queen, a creature lovely to look upon. At thirty-seven she died on the guillotine—one of the most pitiable as she was one of the most conspicuous among all the thousands upon thousands who lost their heads in the French Revolution.

Born the daughter of Emperor Francis I of Austria and his ambitious and gifted consort, Marie Therese, she was reared, for a princess of the blood, among exceedingly simple surroundings. Small wonder that the transition from what almost had been a cloistered life to the most brilliant, the most dissolute, the most extravagant court in Christendom should have proven disastrous for her.

From the hour when she became the wife of the heir-apparent to the French throne, the pathway of the girl-bride was beset with difficulties and pitfalls. She was under the exacting dominion of her imperious father-in-law, Louis XV; she was under the hostile eye of Louis' shrewd and unscrupulous mistress, Madame du Barry. She was enmeshed in intrigues, envies, jealousies, feuds and plots. That she was frivolous and headstrong and wasteful; that she made enemies by her interference in public affairs; that she estranged those who should have been her friends and her devoted allies—these charges not even her most sympathetic partisan among the chroniclers could deny.

But when the monarchy fell in bloodied ruins; when the Time of the Terror came to Paris; when she was insulted, imprisoned, widowed by violence; when she barbarously was torn from her children, including that hapless boy who went down in history as the Lost Dauphin; when at her trial she so gallantly faced atrocious accusations affecting her moral character; when finally she was led forth, bound like a dangerous malefactor, to be done to death before a shrieking, exultant mob, then her courage, her faith and her noble bearing redeemed Marie Antoinette for all the grievous shortcomings of her youth. As a ruler she fell short, as a wife she had her faults, as a royal politician she was an abject failure. But as a mother, as a woman rising to sublime heights of fortitude in the face of a hideous doom, she stands forth for posterity a heroic and noble figure.

Her old secret foe, Madame du Barry, was born like a commoner and died like a craven of commoners. Being condemned to the knife, she went screaming and struggling to her fate—writhing in her bonds, begging for mercy with her last breath, practically crazed with fright. But in her death, at least, Marie Antoinette was regal and splendid.

THANKS be to the books of hundreds of chroniclers and to at least one historic painting, every well-informed school child knows something of the last anguished hours of Marie Antoinette—how before being led forth for death she protested against the shame of having her hands lashed behind her as though she were a common criminal, and pointed out that her husband had been left unpinioned in his ride to the Place of Execution; how her enemies disregarded her plea and so tightly corded her wrists that the kindly priest who accompanied her on the dreadful journey repeatedly pressed against the knotted ropa in an effort to ease the pain in her bruised flesh; how in a crude cart she jolted over the cobbled streets of Paris, her head held erect and her face bared to tha taunts and jeers of the populace; how when passing the palace where she had spent her happiest hours the widowad Queen fell into a faint; how, reviving both her will and her spirit, she did not wince at sight of the guillotine, but with dignity climbed its wooden steps and even begged the pardon of one of the executioners upon whosa toe she accidentally trod in mounting the platform; how she suffered herself to be strapped to the board and how quietly she lay while they were adjusting the mechanism of the great blade which a moment later sheared through her tender neck. In years she was still young—only thirty-seven—but eye-witnesses recorded that she looked that morning like an old woman, worn and haggard. Her hair in less than three months had turned almost white.

Thanks also to many veracious accounts, we know of the proud courage of so many of Marie Antoinette's fellow-prisoners, doomed, as she was, to ba sacrificed to the fury of the populace acting through the carpices of a tribunal which gave to each of them the mockery of a trial and tha certainty in most cases of conviction. Aristocratic ladies locked in foul prisons almost gaily cropped their heads in anticipation of the fall of the knife. Courtly gentlemen, nobles of the old regime, rehearsed them in the etiquette suitable for those condemned in order that no one might be confused or awkward when the summons came; they practiced binding each other. The women discussed the question of appropriate dressing of tha neck. A whole code of manners was evolved by these gallant souls that awaited a legalised slaughter.

Simple Fare for Nobility

The vivacious Madame Roland, who, by the narrowest of margins, escaped the fate of so many of her compatriots, was one who lived to record the heroisms and the miseries which the gentry class underwent. The place of her confinement was Saint-Pelagie, a noisome hole. With irony and a trace even of humor, she told of her debut as a guest of the state:

"Whilst my name was being registered as a newcomer, an evil-looking fellow opens my bundle, fingers it inquisitively; I noticed it at the moment when he is placing on the concierge's desk some printed matter which was in it (it was some newspapers); surprised and offended by a proceeding which ought only to take place in the instances of persons secretly imprisoned, I remark that at any rate it ought not to be left to a man to examine with such indecency a woman's night clothes. He is ordered to leave it alone; but he is the turnkey of the corridor in which I am to live and I am doomed to see his ugly face twice a day.

"I am asked if I want a room with one or with two beds.

"'I am alone and don't want a companion.'

"'But the room will be too small.'

"'I don't care.'

"They look and find there is no single-bedded room vacant; I go into the double-bedded one; it is six feet long by two feet broad, so that with the two small tables and the two chairs there is hardly any room left. I hear I must pay in advance the rent for the first month.

"'But there is no water jug or other convenience.'

"'You must buy them,' observes the ugly fellow, extremely eager to offer services the selfish aim of which is obvious. I learn that here the state gives nothing for the prisoners.

"'How, then, do they live?'

"'There is merely a portion of beans and a pound and a half of bread a day, but you will not be able to eat either one or the other.'

"'I can well believe the fare is not like what I am used to; but I like to know the peculiarities of every situation and to live on the level of that in which I happen to be; I wish to try it.'

A Maid as Reporter

"The part of the building set aside for women is divided into long, very narrow passages, on one of the sides of which are small cells like the one in which I was lodged; there, under the same roof, on the same level, separated by a thin plastering, I live with prostitutes and murderers. On one side of me is one of those creatures whose trade is to seduce youth and sell innocence; above me is a woman who has forged assignats and torn to pieces on a high road an individual of her own sex with the help of the monsters in whose band she is enrolled. Every cell is shut with a big lock and key, which a man comes every morning to open, looking insolently to see if you are up or in bed; next, their tenants meet in the corridors, on the staircases, in a small courtyard, or in a damp and stinking hall, a receptable worthy of such scum."

What Madame Roland so blithely endured, the majority of her captive fellow-aristocrats also endured—that and worse, for nearly all of them perished, whereas she escaped. Royalty fared no better. Thousands saw how Marie Antoinette faced her end, and, as I have just said, distinguished historians recorded the scene, while famous novelists embroidered it with fictional touches, but it remained for a humble witness, a serving maid, to tell future generations how the poor Queen passed the final hours of her life. This moving account was handed down to us by Rosalie Lamorliere, a young woman of lowly birth who attended Marie Antoinette during the latter's confinement in the Conciergerie.

Her occupation as a domestic in that dismal pile first brought her into contact with the Queen. She was frequently, at times constantly, with the imperial prisoner from the date of her arrival at the prison on August 2, 1793, until the beginning of the third week of October, when sentence was inflicted. Of the concluding acts of the tragic drama this Rosalie Lamorliere wrote as follows:

"At last came the awful day of 15th October; the Queen went up at 8 a.m. in the hall of audiences to receiva sentence, and as I do not remember having taken her that day any kind of nourishment, I suppose they made her go fasting.

'A Doomed Queen

"In the morning I heard some people talking about the hearing of the case. They said: 'Marie Antoinette will get off; she answered like an angel; they will only have her deported.'

"Toward 4 p.m. the doorkeeper said to ma:

"'The meeting is suspended for three-quarters of an hour; the accused is not to come down. Go up quick, sha is asking for a bouillon.'

"I immediately took an excellent broth which I kept in reserve on my stove and went up to the Princess. As I was approaching near a hall close to her one of the police commissaires named Labuziera, a short, stumpy fellow, snatched the soup basin from my hands, and, handing it to a young woman who was excessively got up, said to me:

"'This young woman is very eager to see Widow Capet; it's a delightful opportunity for her.' And the woman at once went off, carrying the soup, which was half spilt.

"It was no use my begging and entreating Labuziere; he was all-powerful; I had to obey. What must the Queen have thought at receiving the basin of soup fro mthe hands of a person she did not know?

"A few minutes past four on the morning of October 16 they came to tell us the Queen of France was condemned. I felt as if a sword had stabbed my heart, and I went and wept in my room, stifling my cries and sobs. The concierge was grieved to hear the news, but he was more accustomed to such things than I; he pretended to take no interest in it.

"About 7 a.m. he ordered me to go to the Queen and ask her if she wanted any nourishment. On entering the room, in which two lights were burning, I saw a gendarmerie officer sitting in the left corner, and approaching Madame, I saw her all dressed in black lying in the bed.

"With her face turnad to the window, she leant her head on her hand.

"'Madame,' I said, trembling, 'you took nothing last night and almost nothing during the day. What do you wish for this morning?'

"She Queen shed floods of tears. She answered:

"'My girl, I don't want anything more; it's all ended with me.'

"I took the liberty of adding:

"'Madame, I have kept on my stoves a bouillon and a vermicelli; you have need of something to keep you up; allow me to bring you something.'

The Queen's tears redoubled, and she said:

"'Rosalie, bring ma some soup.'

Prying Eyes

"I went for it; she took a seat and could swallow only a few spoonfuls. I call God to witness her body received no other food.

"A little before this day an ecclesiastic authorised by the Govment presented himself to the Queen and offered to hear her in confession. Her Majesty, learning from him that he was ona of the practicing Paris priests, understood ha had taken the oath, and so she refused his offices. Tha incident was talked about in the house.

"When daylight had come, that is to say, about 8 a.m., I returned to Madame to help her dress, as she had suggested when she took the small amount of bouillon on her bed. Her Majesty went into the little space I usually left between the feather bed and the wall. She herself unfolded a chemise which had been brought her, probably in my absence, and having signed to me to remain in front of the bed so as to keep the sight of her body from the gendarme, she stoopad down and doffed her dress in order to change linen for the last time. Tha gendarmerie officer at once drew near, and, stopping by the foot of the bed, watched the change. Her Majesty immediately put back the fichu on her shoulders and observed to the young man with great gentleness:

"'In the name of decency, sir, permit me to change my linen without a witness.'

"'I could not agree to it,' was the gendarme's rough reply. 'My orders are that I must have my eye on all your movements.'

Wretched Remains

"Tha Queen sighed, put on her last chemise with all possible precautions and all possible modesty, took for her outer garb, not the long mourning dress which she wore in the presence of her judges, but the white deshabille which served ordinarily as a morning costume, and unfolding her large muslin fichu, sha crossed it under her chin. The worry caused by the gendarme's brutality prevented me from noticing whether she still had the medallion of Mlle. Dauphin; but it was easy for me to see that she carefully rolled up her poor chemise; she wrapped it in one of her sleeves as if in a sheath, and then pressed this linen into a space she perceived between the canvas paper and tha wall.

"The day before, knowing she was about to appear before the public and the judges, she had arranged her hair rather high from a feeling of decorum. She had added to her linen cap, which was bordered with small ornamental folds, tha two streamers, which she kept in a cardboard box, and under these mourning streamers she had neatly adjusted a black crepe, which gave her a pretty widow's head-dress. On the way to death she kept only the simple linen cap, without streamers or marks of mourning, but having only one pair of chaussures, she kept on her black stockings and her kid shoes, which had not been put out of shape or spoilt at all during the seventy-six days she was with us.

"I left her without returning to bid her good-bye or even to make a single curtsey for fear of compromising and distressing her. I went and criad in my room and prayed to God for her.

"When she had left that fearful establishment, the first usher of the Tribunal, accompanied by three or four persons in his own employ, came and asked the concierge for me and ordered me to follow him to the Queen's late room. He let me take back my looking glass and the cardboard box. As for the other objects which belonged to Her Majesty, he commanded me to wrap them up in a bedsheet. They made me sweep up even a bit of straw which happened, I do not know how, to be on the floor of the room, and they took away with them these wretched remains of tha best and most unhappy Princess that ever lived."

"The unemployed in England are very discontented!"

"Then why don't they strike?"—Le Rire, Paris.

"Say, little man, do you know where Mr. Sanger lives about here?"

"Yes. He is my father. But he has gone away because he said a fat and tiresome uncle was going to visit him!"—Nagels Lustige Welt, Berlin.

"Give me some money, sir. I am a poor orphan without any father or mother—and they will beat me if I go home without some money!"—Campana de Gracia, Barcelona.

"Fancy! Karl wants to marry me, and says he can't live without me. How can I prove to him that he is mistaken?"

"By marrying him!"—Klods Hans, Copenhagen.

"If you don't promise to be quiet until the police come I will hand you over to my husband!"—Karikaturen, Oslo.

"Na. There is no train at 8 o'clock. It only runs on feast days and holidays!"

"Well. Today is the feast of St. Euphrasie, and it is also my wife's birthday!"—Pele Mele, Paris.

She: "If I had known you were so bad at cross-words, I would have married somebody else!"—Kaspen, Stockholm.

The Passing of Puritanism - - By Arnold Bennett

The word "Puritanical" is now a term of reproach, even of scorn. If you wanted the right to drink a glass of beer up to eleven p.m. and the licencing authorities forbid you to drink after ten p.m., you would call the authorities all sorts of bad names, including "Puritanical."

The word "Puritan," however, still retains its dignity among us—no doubt on account of the heroic history of the Puritans, whose greatest hero was Oliver Cromwell, and who, when Cromwell was no more, sailed off to America in search of religious freedom, and, without knowing it, began to create what is now the United States. There is a connection between skyscrapers, Prohibition and Puritanism.

The original Puritans were far less concerned with moral conduct than with the nature of church ceremonies and church discipline, but in men's characters one thing goes with another, and those who were sticklers about the liturgy were soo nsticklers about conduct, and accordingly soon got themselves well hated by such free living fellows as the Elizabeth dramatists.

The Puritan spirit had a bad time in the eighteenth century, but flourished powerfully under Queen Victoria. In my childhood, in the Midlands, I encountered the last glories of Puritanism. I remember reading aloud to my grandmother a chapter from the Bible concerning the Pharoahs. By a slip of the tongue I said "Egypt" instead of "Egypt." There was something funny about the sound of "Egypt." I laughed and said it again. Whereupon considerable troubla arose with my grandmother. I was accused of lightness, of making mock of Holy Writ and other crimes, and no doubt I was sent to bed so that I might by reflection reform myself. The incident well illustrate decadence of Puritanism.

At that period, as always, Puritanism had two sides to it. On the one side it undoubtedly did help to form and stiffen the character, to give strength of mind, and the ability cheerfully to "do without." On the other side it discouraged pleasure for the sake of discouraging pleasure. It was the enemy of pleasure. If anybody desired to do anything purely for his own joy, Puritanism's first impulse was to find reasons why he should not. It stood out for the full rigor of its particular forms and ceremonies, and was extremely intolerant of other people's forms and ceremonies.

Naturally it developed narrow-mindedness, bigotry, hypocrisy and spiritual conceit. And it was by no means free from singular inconsistencies. Thus it chastised bodily love with scorpions. One scarcely dared mention bodily love. And as to referring openly to the statistics of illegitimacy in Puritan districts—you simply couldn't do it. But gross overeating was permitted, indulged in, and frequently encouraged. The same with the heaping up of earthly treasure by wiliness and an excess of frugality. One of the endearing qualities of the Puritans was that they were very human in their grimness and curiously elastic in their rigidity.

The Puritans have fought hard to maintain the power of their ideals over a society which had grown restive under them. With one or two exceptions they have failed. Puritan ideals may now be said to be confined to a small, if still active, minority. The change, to those who have lived through it, has been immense.

Hypocrisy has by no means vanished, but it is much diminished. There is far more liberty to say what you think, which, after all, is one of the most precious privileges that a man may enjoy. Far fewer topics are "forbidden," color and brightness have increased, though frocks have diminished nearly as much as hypocrisy. Daily repose has increased. Travel has increased. Holidays have increased. Boredom, once the scourge of the nation, and especially of the province, has decreased. Reading has increased. Pleasures have increased. I do not positively assert that all these things are the direct consequence of the decline of Puritanism; but they have at any rate accompanied it. The transformation of existence, even in the small villages, is wonderful, scarcely credible. As for the big towns, the big towns in the seventies and eighties would not recognize themselves today.

One may say that formerly tha day was too long; it is now too short.

People are more alive; their curiosity and their appetites have been broadened. Everywhere thera is a refuge from tedium. Not so very long ago the sola refuge from tedium, for the great majority of men, was the bar and the bar-parlor, and for the great majority of women—nothing, nothing at all.

Nor have those changes towards freedom and variety brought with them certain other changes which we should all regret. Crime has not increased; it has decreased. Brutality has most notably and spectacularly decreased. We hear much talk about sexual laxity, but the increase of talk is probably due to increased freedom of speech and not to an increase of laxity. Anyhow the ratio of illegitimate births has strikingly decreased over a considerable period. That is not everything, but it is something. I imagine that morality is influenced less by high resolutions than by physical conditions—such as overcrowding or the reverse. Natural impulses, and the will to control them, remain fairly constant throughout the ages.

Again, health has improved. You will say that this is largely a consequence of the progress of science and commonsense; I agree, but at the same time improved health is a presumption that the decline of Puritanism has not deleteriously affected health. Change, variety, new intsresta, and the abolishing of ennui have perhaps been responsible in some degree for improved health and greater longevity. There are other factors than the physical in this mysterious matter.

Lastly, and perhaps most important, the position of women has improved; and I would assuredly attribute this chiefly to the spread of the general idea of freedom. Puritanism has something of the Oriental in its attitude towards women. In Puritanism, next after theological strictness, came strictness in regard to the relations of the sexes, and of course purity was imposed more severely on women than on men. Any actions, however innocent in themselves, which might bring even a suspicion on the immaculateness of women were tabooed. The craze for propriety became merely ridiculous.

I can remember the years when ladies might rida inside an omnibus, but not outside, and when a woman who rode by herself in a hansom cab was thereby morally besmirched. And I have bicycled with a lady who was stoned by the populace of a suburb of London because sha had so seriously unsexed herself as to dare to move from one part of the earth's surface to another on a pair of steel wheels. Here was a symptom of the effects of Puritanism at its most malignant and most misguided. Any change from it must of necessity have been for the better.

Withal, the increase of freedom has undoubtedly involved changes for tha worse. Comfort has mightily increased, and this is a matter for congratulation; but luxury in some circles of society has assumed the proportions of the grotesque, tha silly and the insane. Individuals have said to themselves: "What can we do to be mora luxurious?" And they have racked their brains and gone and done things that were fatuous; things that were an affront to the decency of the commonwealth.

Industry has decreased. This is true of all classes—employers as well as employed. It is conceivabla that formerly people worked too hard, worked for the sake of the labor itself, devastated their lives with work. But now it is conceivable that people do not work hard enough. Efficiency in machinery and in organization has provided some remedy for the decrease of industry—if wa worked as hard today as we did forty years ago our prosperity might surpass the most wondrous dreams—but no material efficiency can provide a ramedy against the moral disadvantages of undue idleness slackness and shirking.

The fundamental differencs between the past epoch and the present seems to me to be as follows: In the (comparatively recent) past we thought less of enjoyment than of security. Not only did we frown upon pleasure as a sign of wickedness and licance, we sacrificed it deliberately in our youth and our middle-age in order that we might enjoy it in our old age. And, of course, we never did properly enjoy it in our old age, because the capacity to enjoy is always impaired by age. We were always preparing to enjoy and never enjoying. Nay more, we not infrequently killed ourselves in the effort to obtain security, and if we survived the effort we had a habit of dying immediately the period of secure enjoyment had begun. Today we say: "I want to enjoy now. Why should I sacrifice the certainty of enjoyment today for the uncertainty of enjoyment tomorrow?" We favor the present at the expense of tha future. We say: "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and certainly worth mora than one in tha ascendant." Here are two opposing schools of philosophy, each of them as old as civilization, and perhaps older. Both schools have their dangers.

Each school is apt to be overpraised while it is in the ascendant. "The Carpe diem" school ("Enjoy the present day, distrusting that which is to coma.") is now in the ascendant. I hova praised it, in so far as it increases happiness. And I do not desire in my time to witness the return of the Puritan school of philosophy. The latter, however, had points.

The Miracle—A Story of the Wonder of Christmas

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able in the vague light strained toward her—and waited.

"She approachad the telephone, took down the receivar, and put out her hand to the button. But her hand remained extended; the receivar slipped down on its cord.

"There was soma one behind her!

"She turned slowly as with an immense effort. The mountain woman stood in the door through which sha had just entered, and with a cry she flung herself into the woman's arms. With an infinite tenderness the figure gathered her to its bosom, held her close, envaloped her.

"She felt the rough garment against her face, tha arms around her. And slowly, as through some subtle distillation, she seemed to flow into this woman, to blend with her—to cease to be—to become by some divine enchantment the one that had received her."

Tha man stopped abruptly in his narration, and put a direct, sharp query to the doctor.

"Now what was that?"

Again the doctor was startled. He looked about him in the darkness. Ha thought tha man meant soma event happening on the deck of tha yacht—some sound, some motion.

"What do you mean?"

"I mean the mental conception of the woman, that she flowed into and was enveloped by the figure behind her, becoming a part of it. Now what was that?"

"Good heavens," said the doctor, "how do I know?"

Presently the man went on.

"I suppose," he said, "no one knows. The human mind itself is as profound a mystery as tha moving impulses behind it. It is no use to assemble a lot of names. I know all about it. She went right into events that were as real as any actual events of life. She saw the life that she was going into on this night just as accurately as anything that she had ever lived through. She saw it just as clearly as though she were looking in through a window upon it.

"She saw a woman hurrying about the tables at Monte Carlo, forcing her way through the crowds of people, searching among the players everywhere, through the gilded salons, peering into every corner, into every face. Finally at the door of the tables of the trente-et-quarante she stopped, as though stricken rigid. A man, stooping over, was putting down some gold pieces beside a girl.

"The girl was young, but the man was older than he was tonight; his dark hair had a tinge of gray in it; his firm, suntanned face showed purple veins; the jaw had grown heavy. That's how sha said ha looked.

"She saw the opera in Paris. A woman, this same woman, sat in a box. Sha was alone. About her were the beauty and splendor of Paris; the gorgeous extravaganza of the opera, vast, heavenly music. But she did not regard it. Her eyes wandered, furtively, desperately, everywhere through the immense crowded arc beyond her. Then she got up, went out of the box into tha foyer, and looked down over the balustrade of the stairs; below a girl, a gamin from Montmartre, was smiling up at that same time-changed man, concealed partly by the screen of a pillar."

There was a moment of silence.

The doctor was leaning forward in his chair. He was trying to make out the figure before him in the darkness. He was beginning to understand this story. He thought ha knew who the man was. He had seen that face below deck when he had been first called on the yacht. That change in the man, at least, was no hallucination. It had happened. What the woman in this story had seen was life; a life she had escaped, but this man had not escaped it. He had lived it. He was hera; he sat there in the darkness, with these physical evidences upon him, and now suddenly he went on—a sort of desperate energy in the thick voice.

"No duty, no obligation! When no vow is kept. You can't dany tha years their toll of you. Licence makes way for licence. And she saw her own face—what it would have been—peering over the rail of the balustrade. It was awfull The soft, straw-colored hair, harsh with henna; the eyes, crow-footed; rouge, stencil, avery futile device."

Tha voice changed. The heavy emotion slipped out af it. It went on with the narrative.

"The woman, in the silence, in the dim light of the butler's pantry, put out her hands in a great gesture af rejection. Then she began to stagger about, groping for the door

"Something lured her

"She must find it; it was here; somewhere in this house; but how tired she was! How her knees dragged.

"She came finally into the drawing-room as through heavy water. Tha child, covered with the white lambskin, lay asleep on the silk cushions at the end of the blue divan, in the soft glow of the fire. She flung herself down beside it and gathered it up in her arms; and far off the bells of the village began te ring."

Again tha man's voice stopped; and again the doctor, living through every datail of tha story, put the query that moved him:

"And what happened?"

For a time there was no reply. Then tha voice in the darkness seemed to tail off.

"It was tha thing that didn't happen.

"You see, her husband had been warned about it, and ha had waited all night at the gate of the grounds with his weapon for the two persons in the motor to came out. He came in at daylight, and found his wife asleep on the diven before the fire."

"But the mountain woman," said the doctor; "the man with the mule, the child, what had becoma of them? Did not the man watching at the gata see them when they came out? Did he not see them when they entered? What became of them?"

The voice of tha dying man became stronger; it took on almost the firmness and the vigor of health.

"It's tha Gospel according to St. Luke," ha said, "that I wished you to remember. I mean the story of the Nativity according to that Gospel.

"Jesus of Nazareth was born in Bethlehem of Jddea when Joseph and Mary journeyed into that village to be taxed. You see, Doctor—"

The voice ceased as though fingers had closed on the throat.

Tha doctor knew what had happened, but he did not move. The detached embolus had floated into the heart. He looked up at tha cross of stars hanging in the sky. And suddanly, far away, the great bell of the cathedral began to sound in the still, thick dark.

Married Man (to friend)—"You bachelors don't feel comfortable either at home or when you're away. Get married, and you'll at least feel comfortable when you're away."

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KEEP Tuesday, December 29, open. Eagles' Marching Club Invitation Dance, Belmont House, Humboldt Street entrance. Dancing 9 to 12. Zala's orchestra. Coffee and cake. Gents, 50c; ladies, 50c. (Dancers without invitations may apply for same at door.)

TURKEY shoot at Coastenca Cove Ranch, E. & N. crossing, Admirals Rd., Sunday, Dec. 27, 10 o'clock.

THE Hoot Owl Orchestra for house parties. Phone Owen Fowler, 6406, 1600R.

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St. John's, Quadra Street. Christmas Day, 7:15 a.m., Holy Communion. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Visitors in the city cordially invited. Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A.

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HOUSES FOR SALE 39 (Continued)

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$3200—On terms—Buys well-built six-room house, south of Oak Bay Avenue, good lot and garden. This house is in excellent condition, both inside and outside. Listing No. 2067.
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ACREAGE FOR SALE 42

DAIRY AND MILK ROUND IN FULL OPERATION, MODERN BUNGALOW, FURNACE, CEMENT BASEMENT, barns and 5 Jersey cows and registered bull. Adjoining city. Taking $350 per month. Splendid opportunity. Snap at $4,800.

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ACREAGE FOR SALE 42 (Continued)

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5½ ACRES, all cleared and fenced; good soil, with 4-roomed, new, plastered house and pantry, hot and cold water and phone. Barn and woodshed. About three miles from town. For quick sale, $2,250, terms.

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PRICE $3,800, ON TERMS
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Executors and Trustees
Real Estate Department
PHONE 1750
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MOUNT TOLMIE DISTRICT
On Car Line, City Water and Light

10 ACRES, with greater part under cultivation and ready to plant. Land well adapted for any kind of crop; well suited for bulb growing. Will give very attractive price and terms if sold before January 1.
J. N. HOLLAND, 306 Pemberton Blk.

ACREAGE WANTED 43

YOUNG experienced farmer wishes to rent good farm as going concern, with option of purchase in two years. Full particulars to Box 6971 Colonist.

PROPERTY FOR SALE 44

FOR Sale—Building lot on Victoria Ave., $275. Box 6735, Colonist.

FOR Sale—Large lot, west side of Victoria Avenue, near Central. Price $250. Box 6735, Colonist.

ROCKLAND AVE. property for sale, 180 by 510, ideal site for apartment house. Apply Owner, 515 E. Thomas St., Seattle, Wash.

$120 FOR two building lots, well situated, each lot 50x175. F. F. Higgs, 208 Pemberton Bldg.

FARMS FOR SALE 47

IF interested in a farm of any size, it will pay you to come and see my list. F. F. Higgs, 208 Pemberton Bldg.

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$6500
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$2600—4-ACRE chicken ranch on main road, 10 miles out, 4-room bungalow, with basement and large open fireplace, chicken houses.

$8500—7 ACRES, all good land. 6-room new bungalow, positively modern in every respect, poultry houses for 100 birds. This property commands a beautiful view of Elk Lake and Cordova Bay.
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FARMS FOR RENT 49

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TEACHERS WANTED 58

PRIMARY teacher wanted for North Cedar School. Apply J. T. Hepburn, Secretary.

TIMBER BROKERS 60

CROWN grant and licensed timber for sale. Cruisers' reports and estimates furnished, with topographical maps. Log brokers, Girdwood & Lewis, Ltd., 117-119 Pemberton Bldg.

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Applications will be received by the undersigned up to December 28th for the joint or separate position as Organist and Choirmaster for First Baptist Church.
Applicants to state qualifications, salary expected, and when available. Applicants to be capable of handling first-class pipe organ.
WHITTAKER,
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Tenders are invited for the purchase of a house and lot (terms or cash). Preference given to a returned naval or military man. Full particulars can be obtained from the undersigned, to whom tenders must be delivered not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, December 28th, 1925.
G. H. PULLEN,
C.M.C.,
Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, B.C.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Western Region

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer, Winnipeg, Man., until twelve o'clock noon Monday, January 4, 1926, for the construction of ferry slips at Ogden Point and Point Ellice, Victoria, B.C.

Instructions for tendering, plans, specifications and form of contract may be seen and form of tender obtained at the offices of Chief Engineer, Winnipeg, Man.; District Engineer, Vancouver, B.C., and Acting District Engineer, Victoria, B.C.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied by the railway company.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
W. A. KINGSLAND,
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British Writers Cable Support in Protecting Stage

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A cablegram from the British Society of Authors, Playwrights and Composers, assuring support in any action taken by United States dramatists for "the protection of their interests," has been received by the American dramatists, meeting at the Waldorf Astoria.

After the meeting, which was held behind closed doors in accordance with their announced policy of secrecy, the dramatists said that they had discussed means of furthering their fight to protect themselves against "all abuses which may exist." Noel Coward and Michael Arlen, British dramatists now residing in America, each of whom has plays appearing on Broadway, have joined in the fight, the society announced, against the moving picture interests, who, they charge, are attempting to gain control of the legitimate stage.

On the council of the British society which cabled its congratulations to the American dramatists upon their stand, are George Bernard Shaw, John Galsworthy, Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, Henry A. Jones, Sir James M. Barrie, and Thomas Hardy.

Famous Cruiser Of British Navy Nearing Its End

Beloved of Beatty Because of Good Work During War, H.M.S. Southampton to Be Broken Up

She was a famous ship, and she ought not to go to her last rest without some tribute to her service. For she is doomed. They will break her into pieces and tear her decks asunder. The hot flame of the oxy-acetylene will breathe upon her and the sinews of her steel plates will melt as the snows melt in the Spring sun. Men in rough clothes will swarm upon her and destroy. With hammers and chisels in their hands, with destruction in their hearts and a joke upon their lips, they will rend her hull and expose her mysteries to the heavens. This is to be the end of a famous ship; so her praises must be sung while she still remains a ship and can understand.

They built her on Clydebank, laying her down in 1911, painting her for the last time in November, 1912. In 1913 she became Commodore's ship of the only light cruiser squadron we had in the Home Fleet. In 1914 she was at Kiel for the yachting week and "chummy" ship of the German light cruiser Rostock. Six weeks later she met the Rostock again; this time in the German Bight.

In those early days cruisers were few, and the Southampton flogged the North Sea. Thousands and thousands of miles were spun by her creamy wake. Beatty loved her squadron. They could keep up with the great battle cruisers in heavy weather; other light cruisers fell back with battered bridges, but the Southamptons held on. Though they worked her terribly hard, she managed to be the first cruiser in the fleet to start a voluntary band. Two years later there were dozens of them. The Southampton was always a cheery ship.

"Good Old Southampton"

At the action of December 16, 1914, she was the only ship of the Battle Cruiser Squadron to come into serious action with the enemy. At the action of January 24, 1915, she led the light cruisers and was last to lose touch with the enemy.

Jutland was the climax of her life. It was from her bridge that the long line of the High Seas Fleet was first sighted. During the run north towards the Grand Fleet the Southampton was rear ship of the battle-cruiser line. She remained for an hour under fire from German battleships and reported their movements to Sir John Jellicoe. Zigzagging like a snipe, she seemed to bear a charmed life. Then came the night. At 10:20 p.m. she fought four German light cruisers at a range of 800 yards. As brisk an affair as any in the war at sea. It lasted only three and a half minutes, but in that time seventy-five percent of the personnel upon her upper deck became casualties. Three great fires flamed up from her deck to the sky, but in her agony she fired a torpedo. The leading enemy ship—the Frauenlob—was struck amidships and blown in half. The Germans turned away from the edge of victory and the Southampton was saved.

Thirty-six hours later she made Rosyth—the last ship in. The King and his Ministers stood upon her sacred decks and spoke well of her. On a day in August of the same year five torpedoes were fired at her. No other ship in the Navy ever had the honor of being at all those four actions.

Flagship at Cape

After the war they sent her as flagship to South America. Mighty men with the gun lived in her that commission, and the game book showed over 22,000 head. The South American Squadron was abolished, but the Southampton endured. They sent her to the East Indies. Flagship, of course; nothing else was fitting for such a ship.

At last they thought she could do no more, and the Southampton was doomed. In 1924, before the Autumn leaves had fallen in England, for whose honor she had done so much, the Southampton was paid off into the mortuary called "Material Reserve." I can only hope that she had the most splendid paying off pennant that Portsmouth had ever seen.

In August, 1925, she was ordered to be prepared for sale, and now comes the news that the bargain has been struck. They will tow her to some yard and break her up. England will cast her upon one side without a thought. But long after her slim strong hull is scattered to the winds the memory of her exploits will endure, and men at sea lingering over their port and reflecting upon the great days, the sad days, the hard days, the days of glory when two hundred pennants moved swiftly at the bidding of one man, will say with pride: "Yes, I served in the Southampton."

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Finance and Commerce

Holiday Sales Send Market Quotations Up

American Can Stock Again Behaves Sensationally—Heavy Christmas Retail Buying Aids Trade

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. — Heavy week-end and Christmas profit-taking caused another sharp advance toward the close today.

American Can was again the sensational individual performer, scoring an extreme gain of nearly fourteen points at 296, a new record high, and then easing to 189⅞. Considerable speculative interest also was manifested in Pacific Oil, which jumped six points to 70¾, the highest price since the stock was admitted to trading on December 3, 1920.

The weekly mercantile reviews declare that holiday business was better than was generally expected. Bradstreet's report that "heavy sales of holiday goods at retail furnished the dominating note in the week's trade reports."

Publication of additional favorable November earnings reports infused new strength into the railroad shares.

United States Steel common closed about a point higher after having sold as high as 137.

Call money, which has ruled at 6 per cent for about two days, eased to 5½ early this afternoon, closing at that figure. Time money and commercial paper rates were unchanged.

Total sales were 1,705,400 shares.

Pre-holiday influences imposed considerable restraint upon bond trading today and prices fluctuated in rather aimless fashion. Selective buying of railroads and public utility issues, however, gave an undercurrent of strength to the market. The volume of sales was unusually light, approximating only $8,000,000.

	High	Low	Bid
Allis Chalmers	94-2	94-2	94-2
Allied Chemical	114-4	113-7	114-4
Am. Beet Sugar	32-6	33-6	32-6
Am. Bosch Mag.	31-6	31-6	31-0
Am. Can.	295	282	286-4
Am. Car & Fdy.	110	110	110
Am. Hide & L.	12-4	12-4	12-4
Am. Hide & L. pfd.	62	62	86
Am. Intl. Corp.	41	41	41
Am. Linseed	56-2	55-2	55-2
Am. Locomotive	119-4	118	118-2
Am. Smelters	138	136	137-1
Am. Steel Fdy.	47-1	47	47
Am. Sugar	75-3	75	76-3
Am. Sum. Tob.	11-5	10-7	11-6
Am. Tel. & Tel.	142-3	142	142-2
Am. Tobacco	114-6	114-6	114-6
Am. Tobacco "B"	114	114	114
Am. Woolens	41-3	41-3	41-3
Anaconda	50-6	49-5	46-0
Armour "A"	24	24	24
Assoc. Dry Goods	45-5	48	46-4

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Foreign exchanges irregular. Quotations in cents. Great Britain — Demand 484¾; cables 485; 60-day bills on banks 480½.

France—Demand 2.57; cables 2.57½.
Italy—Demand 4.51¼; cables 4.52¾.
Belgium—Demand 4.66.
Germany—Demand 23.80.
Holland—Demand 40.16.
Norway—Demand 20.26.
Sweden—Demand 26.83.
Denmark—Demand 24.80.
Switzerland—Demand 19.32.
Spain—Demand 14.15.
Greece—Demand 1.26.
Poland—Demand .1135.
Czecho-Slavakia—Demand 2.96.
Jugo-Slavia—Demand 1.77½.
Austria—Demand .14¼.
Roumania—Demand .46½.
Argentina—Demand 41.37.
Brazil—Demand 14.30.
Tokio—Demand 46½.
Shanghai—Demand 77½.
Montreal—96 29-32.

Atlantic Gulf	66-3	66-2	66-3
Atchison	136-4	133-4	136-4
Baldwin Loco	133-1	130-4	131
Baltimore & Ohio	93-2	93-4	93-1
Bethlehem Steel	48-6	47-8	47-0
Brooklyn Manhat	60	60-3	60-2
California Packing	136-4	128-4	168-4
California Pete	32-2	62	32-3
Canadian Pacific	147-3	147	147-3
Central Leather	12	12	19
Carro De Pasco	66-3	62-6	62-6
Chandler	48-4	47-3	48-1
Chesapeake & Ohio	138-4	137	138-4
Chic. Gt. Western	11-3	11-3	11-3
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	9-6	2-4	9-4
Chic. & Northwest	80-6	78-7	80
Chic., R.I. & Pac.	57-3	56-4	56-3
Chrysler Motor	198	764	165-4
Coca Cola	150-4	150	150-4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	37-2	37-2	37-2
Columbia Gas	64-2	64-2	64-3
Cons. Gas	64-6	64	64-6
Cont. Can.	89-4	88	86-4
Cont. Oil	26	25	26
Cont. Motor	16	12	12
Corn Products	40	38-4	39-6
Cosden Oil	36	34-2	34-7
Crucible Steel	82	81	82
Cuba Amer. Sugar	22-6	22-6	22-6
Davison Chemical	39-2	29-3	39-2
Del., Lack. & West	143-6	143-6	143-6
Dodge Bros.	46-3	42-6	48
Dodge Bros. pfd.	87-4	87-2	87-3
Dupont Powder	231	227-2	231
Elec. Power	29-2	26-2	29-3
Endicott Johnson	68-5	68-5	68-5
Erie	38-2	38	36-3
Erie 1st pfd.	43-7	43-5	43-7
Famous Players	107-3	107-3	107-3
Engineer	17	16	17
Fisher Body	96-4	96	96
General Asphalt	55-2	52-5	55-6
General Cigar	110-6	110-6	110-6
General Electric	321	319-2	321
General Motors	117-5	114-5	116-7
Goodrich Rubber	62-3	62	62-3
Granby	20-6	60-5	30-6
Great Northern Ore	26-4	28-1	26-4
Great Northern pfd.	81-2	76	76
Gt. West Sug.	95	95	95
Gulf States Steel	64	92	93-2
Houston Oil	71	71	71
Illinois Central	123-4	123	123-4
Imperial Oil	37-3	37-2	37-3
Inspiration	34-7	34-4	34-4
Intl. Rus. Machine	148-4	146-1	145-1
Intl. Comb. Eng.	66	64-7	66
Intl. Pete	35-1	35-1	35-1
Intl. Mer. Marine	10-4	10-4	10-4
Intl. Mer. Mar. pfd.	41-1	40-6	40-6
Intl. Nickel	46-3	44	46-3
Intl. Tel. & Tel.	119-4	114-6	118-3
Kan. City South	48-4	48-4	48-4
Kenecott Copper	56-2	56-1	56-2
Keystone Tire	2-2	2-2	2-2
Lehigh Valley	84-7	84-7	84-7
Louisiana Oil	19-3	18-4	19-3
Louis. & Nash.	143-4	143-4	143-4
Mack Truck	226-6	219-5	226-5
Marland Oil	58	57	58
Mexican Seaboard	6-2	9-3	9-2
Miami	12-6	12-6	12-6
Miss Pacific	30-2	36-1	32-2
Miss. Pacific pfd.	80	80	89
Montana Power	78-7	78-4	78-4
Montgomery Ward	81-7	80-6	81-7
Moon Motor	25-0	25-5	25-5
Motherlode	7-1	7-1	7-1
Motor Wheel	30-4	30-2	30-3
National Biscuit	74	[illegible]	[illegible]
Natl. Dairy Prod.	76-7	76-7	76-7
National Lead	167	165-2	167
Nevada Cons.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk & West	150	148-8	148-4
North American	64	66-4	64
Northern Pacific	74-6	70	74-5
N.Y. Central	132-1	130-4	131-7
N.Y., N.H. & Hart.	45	45	45
N.Y., Ont. & West.	28	28	28
Packard Motor	36-2	39	39-3
Pacific Oil	70-4	66	70-4
Pan American	76-4	75-8	76
Pan American "B"	78-4	77-0	78-2
Pennsylvania R.R.	54-1	54	54
People's Gas	114	114	114
Pere Marquette	84-4	84-4	84-4
Phil. Reading Coal	42-6	41-4	42-0
Phillips Pete	44-3	44	44-3
Pierce Arrow	36-6	35-6	36-6
Producers & Ref.	14-1	14	14-1
Pullman Co.	209-3	168-3	186-3
Pure Oil	26-4	29-3	26-6
Radio	46-7	43-7	43-7
Rail. Steel Spring	174	173	174
Ray Cons.	12-1	12-1	12-1
Reading	87-4	87-4	87-4
Replogle Steel	14-6	14-2	14-2
Rep. Iron & Steel	60-4	59-7	60-4
Royal Dutch	54-1	54-1	64-1
Savage Arms	86-4	82-4	89-4
Schulte	130-4	130-4	160-4
Sears Roebuck	238	263	282-4
Shell Union	26-1	26-0	28
Simms Pete	23-5	23-5	33-2
Sinclair Cons.	22-6	32	32
Sloss Sheffield	137-6	137-4	137-6
Southern Pacific	102	100-6	102
Southern Railway	119-6	116-4	116-6
Standard Gas	68-4	66-6	56-4
Standard Oil, Cal.	81	56-6	60-6
Standard Oil, N.J.	44-1	43-6	44
Standard Oil, Ind.	67-1	67-1	67-1
Stewart Warner	93	92-1	66-2
St. Louis & S. Fran.	99-1	99-1	69-1
Stromberg Carb.	79-6	79-6	79-6
Studebaker	58-7	56-6	56-6
Tennessee Copper	14	14	14
Texas Co.	56-3	52-6	53
Texas Gulf Sulphur	117-1	117-1	117-1
Texas Pacific R.R.	55-4	55-4	55-4
Texas Pac. C. & O.	16-4	15-4	16-4
Timken Roller	34-4	34-4	34-4
Tobacco Prod.	67-4	67	67-2
Tobacco Prod. "A"	109-4	109-4	106-4
Transcont. Oil	4-2	4-1	4-1
Union Pacific	150	146-2	149-2
United Fruit	228-3	248-3	228-3
U.S. Cast I. Pipe	210	206-6	210
U.S. Ind. Alco.	74-1	74-1	74-1
U.S. Rubber	83-2	81	88-3
U.S. Steel	137	135-4	135-5
Universal Pipe	28-6	27	27-1
Utah Copper	104	104	104
Vanadium	31-3	31-3	31-3
Wabash	73	72-7	73
Western Union	136-4	136	136-4
Western Pacific	39-1	36-4	38-7
Westing. Elec.	75	74-0	74-6
White Motor	62-0	62	62
Willys-Overland	26-3	26	26-1
Willys-Ov. pfd. ex. div.	93	91	93
Woolworth	213-7	212	212-4
Worth Pump	46	44-4	44-4
Y'gston Sh. & Tu.	87-2	86-2	86-2

Vancouver Stock Exchange

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Today's quotations on the Vancouver Stock Exchange were:

	Bid	Asked
B.C. Silver	1.50	1.65
Rowena Copper	..	.06
Bayview	..	.12
Cork Province	..	.06
Glacier	.09½	.12
Haselton Gold Cobalt	..	.02
Dunwell	1.27	1.37
C. M. & S.	176.00	..
Gladstone	.29½	.32
Independence	.08	.10
Forty-Nine	.05	..
Indian Mines	.04½	.06
Daly Alaska	..	.15
Int. Coal	.10	.14
L. & L.	.11¾	.14
Lucky Jim	.13¾	.14
Marmot Metals	..	.10
National Silver	.10	.16
Premier, ex-D.	2.16	2.25
Porter-Idaho	.09½	.10½
Selkirks	.03½	..
Silver Crest Mines	.11	.13
Silversmith	.37	..
Surf Inlet Gold	.06	.10
Terminus	..	.50
Victoria	..	.50
Howe Sound	27.60	..
Ruth Hope	.32	.34
Glasair	..	1.05
Athabasca	..	.06
B.C. Montana	[illegible]	.06¾
British Petroleum	.06¾	.07½
Maple Leaf	..	.05
B.C. Perm. Loan	104.50	..
C. P. R.	147.00	..
Gregory Tire	..	1.00

Sales

Dec. 23, 3 p.m.—10,000 B.C. Montana, .06¾, 100 B.C. Silver, $1.58, 100, $1.60, 1,000 Glacier, .10, 1,000, .10, 1,000, .10, 1,000 National Silver, .11, 100 Premier, $2.21, 100, $2.21; 1,000 Silver Crest, .11¼, 500, .11¼, 1,000, .11¼, 1,000, .11½.

Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m.—5,000 B.C. Montana, .06¾; 1,000 Porter-Idaho, .10, 1,500 Silver Crest, .11½, 300, .11¾, 260, .11½, 1,000 Lucky Jim, .13.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE

Mining

	Bid	Asked
B.C. Silver	1.50	1.66
Beaver	..	1.50
Boundary Red Mountain	.10	..
Rowena Copper	..	.10
Cork Province	.06	..
Douglas Channel	..	.02
Dunwell Mines	1.20	1.35
Dunwell Mines, part pd.	.70	1.00
Glacier Creek	.07½	.11
Gladstone	.25	.35
Gleaner	..	.76
Granby	..	24.50
Howe Sound	29.00	..
Independence	.08	.11
Indian Mines	..	.08
International Coal	.11	.14
L. & L. Glacier	.11	.14
Lakeview	..	.26
Marmot Metals	..	.10
McGillivray Coal	..	.72
National Silver	..	.18
Phoenix	..	.35
Porter-Idaho	..	.14
Premier Mines	2.15	2.60
Rufus	..	.12
Selkirks	..	.06
Silverado	..	.60
Silver Crest Mines	.10½	.15
Silversmith	.36½	.43
Standard Silver Lead	.34	..
Sunloch Mines	..	.30
Surf Inlet Gold	.06	..
Terminus	..	.26
Victoria	..	.30
Oils		
British Petroleum	.06	.08
Spartan Oil	..	.06¼
Sweetgrass	..	.00⅝
Trojan Oil	..	.06¼
B.C. Montana	..	[illegible]
Miscellaneous		
Amal. Appliance	..	.60
Great West Perm. Loan	..	20.00
Gregory Tire & Rubber	..	3.00

Bank Clearings

Clearings for the week ending today were $2,186,932, as compared with $1,520,444 in the corresponding week of 1924.

Winnipeg Wheat Strong and Higher

In Spite of Light Trading and Featureless Market Prices Move Upwards

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—The wheat market was strong today, with prices ranging from 3⅜ to 3⅝ cents higher at the close, but there was little trading, the volume being light and featureless. The buying power was narrow, but there was no selling pressure from any direction.

The pit was acting in sympathy with United States markets. Export business was quiet, though seaboard advices stated Germany was credited with having bought a small lot of Manitobas overnight.

Coarse grain markets continued quiet, a holiday spirit prevailing.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	153⅝	155¼	152	155¼b
May	166½	169½	165⅝	166⅞
July	155½	156	154¼	166
Oats—				
Dec.	48½	46¾	46⅝	48¾
May	50⅝	50⅞	50½	50⅞b
July	51⅝	51½	51½	51⅝
Barley—				
Dec.	62⅝	63	62⅝	63b
May	67⅝	68½	67½	68⅜
Flax—				
Dec.	222⅝	223¼	222	223b
May	232	232	230¼	231⅞
Rye—				
Dec.	..	..	..	101b
May	103½	107	106⅝	108⅞
July	105¼	107½	106⅝	107a

Cash Prices

Wheat—1 nor., 155½; 2 nor., 152¼; 3 nor., 147¼; No. 4, 138¼; No. 5, 131¼; No. 6, 112¼; feed, 92¼; track, 154¼; screenings, $5 a ton.

Oats—2 cw., 47¾; 3 cw., 43¾; extra 1 feed, 43¾; 1 feed, 41¾; 2 feed, 37¾; rejected, 36½; track, 46¾.

Barley—3 cw., 63; 4 cw., 58, rejected, 54; feed, 53; track, 63.

Flax—1 nwc., 223; 2 cw., 219; 3 cw., 206⅞; rejected, 196⅞; track, 223.

Rye—2 cw., 101.

Winnipeg Grain Letter

(Supplied by R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd.)

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—Wheat: The market was just a little dull, holiday affair today with a very light trade passing, and that mostly of an evening up character, but the tone was very strong and the pit crowd bullish and quickly followed any display of strength by Chicago. At times there was a fair spreading business going, selling Winnipeg against purchases at Chicago. The market opened about one cent higher, gained another cent when the United States Winter wheat report was published. Exporters were doing practically nothing, stating there were no overnight acceptances, but Germany was reported as having purchased a small lot of Manitobas. The Liverpool and Buenos Aires markets were firm, while news from Argentine was not altogether favorable. Local offerings were scarce and there was no pressure from any quarter.

Coarse grains: Oats and barley held firm, closing fractionally higher, while rye, following wheat, closed 3 cents higher.

Flax: Very narrow trade, prices firm and little changed from yesterday. No feature.

Chicago Grain

(Supplied by B.C. Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 24. — Wheat: Started out a true holiday market with trade light. The Government reports on Winter wheat condition and acreage was finally construed somewhat bullish and shorts covered, making a good rally. This was followed by further reports of storms in Argentina and disappointing returns in the Pampas and rust in the Southery territory added further stimulus to the buying, and the market had this advance, closing near the top. Trade will probably continue light, with erratic fluctuations until after the holidays. While wheat may continue to advance temporarily on this Argentine news, believe it has been fully discounted and would not follow advances.

Corn: Was easy throughout today's session. Little attention was paid to the strength in wheat. Country roads in the West are very bad and movement should be somewhat smaller for the next two or three days. We still believe corn can be sold on all bulges.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
May (new)	171⅛	174⅛	170¾	174⅛
May	160	173¼	168¼	172¼
July	148	150	147	149⅝
Dec. (new)	174½	177	173⅝	177
Dec.	170⅝	174⅞	170⅝	174⅞
Corn—				
May	84	84⅝	83⅝	84⅛
July	85¼	88	86	88⅝
Dec.	75⅝	76½	75½	78½
Oats—				
May	45	45½	44⅝	46
July	45¼	45⅝	46	46
Dec.	40	40½	39⅞	40½
Rye—				
May	106	110	108	109
Dec.	100	103	100	102b

MONTREAL STOCKS

(All Fractions in Eighths)

	Close
Abitibi	73
Asbestos pfd.	115-4
Asbestos	64-4
Atlantic Sugar	32-1
Bank of Commerce	226
Bell Telephone	188-4
Brazilian Trac.	82-6
B.C. Fish & Pack	69-8
Brompton Paper	68-5
Can. Cement com	104
Can. Cement pfd	116-8
Can. Car Fdy com.	61
Can. Car Fdy. pfd	74
Can. S.S. com.	10-4
Can. S.S. pfd.	64-2
Can. Cottons	11
Can. Converters	178-4
Cons. M. & S.	94
Dominion Bridge	61
Dominion Glass	87
Dominion Textile	90
Howard Smith	41-5
Lake of Woods Milling	173
Laurentide Co.	88-4
Mackay Co.	134
Montreal Power	218
National Breweries	58
Ontario Steel	72
Ogilvie Milling Co.	160
Ottawa Power	88
Penmans, Ltd.	180
Royal Bank	246
Shawinigan	187
Spanish River Pulp	106-4
Spanish River Pulp pfd	116-4
Steel of Canada	97-4
Twin City Elec.	77-4

VICTORY AND WAR LOANS

(Supplied by R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd.)

Interest due—	We Buy	Will Sell
Victory Loan, 5½%—Tax Free		
1927 1st June & Dec.	101.676	102.625
1933 1st May & Nov.	105.426	105.775
1937 1st June & Dec.	108.676	108.925
War Loan, 5%—Tax Free		
Dec.		Due
1925 1st June & Dec.		
1931 1st April & Oct.	102.065	102.275
1937 1st Mar. & Sept.	104.075	104.425
(Payable New York)		
Victory Loan, 5½%		
1927 1st May & Nov.	101.175	101.575
1932 1st May & Nov.	102.625	102.375
1934 1st May & Nov.	102.675	102.625
Dominion Loan		
1925 15th April & Oct., 5%	100.475	100.825
1942 15th April & Oct., 5%	101.375	101.725
1944 15th Ap. & Oct., 4½%	98.525	98.875
1964 1st Feb. & Aug. (C.N.R.), 5%		101.40

Add Accrued interest to date—1927, 1937, 57 days, $0.247 per $100. 1927, 1932, 1933, 1934, 52 days, $0.799 per $100. 1928, 1943, 70 days, $0.656 per $100. 1944, 70 days, $0.662 per $100.

Wholesale Row

(Revised December 24, 1925)

Eggs		
Fresh Extras, doz.		.42
Fresh Firsts, doz.		.37
Pullets, Extras, doz.		.34
Butter		
Best cartons		.55
Prints, No. 2		.45
Dairy solids		.44
Dairy Prints		.55
Cheese		
B.C. large, lb.		.25
B.C. twins, lb.		.25½
B.C. triplets, lb.		.30
Alberta solids, lb.		.26
Alberta Stiltons, lb.		.30
Ontario solids, lb., new, .26; matured		.27½
Ontario twins, lb., new, .28; matured		.27½
Ontario triplets, lb., new, .28; matured		.27½
Ontario Stiltons, Sept. make, lb.		.36
Lard		
Pure Lard—Tierces basis, per lb.		.22
Compound—Tierces basis, per lb.		.17
Vegetables		
Beans, wax, per lb.		M.P.
Beans, green, per lb.		M.P.
Beets, per sack		1.75
Cucumber, hothouse, No. 2, per doz.		M.P.
Cabbage, local, per lb.		.05
Carrots, sack		1.65
Cauliflower, doz.	1.05 to	2.00
Celery, local doz.	.75 to	1.65
Lettuce, head, Cal., cts.		5.00
Onions, Okanagan, sack		1.60
Onions, Yakama Spanish, sack		3.00
Parsnips, per sack		2.25
Potatoes, sweet		.07
Potatoes, Mainland		3.00
Potatoes, dry belt, Gems per sack		3.00
Potatoes, dry belt, White, per sack		3.00
Tomatoes, hothouse—		
No. 1, per crt.		5.55
No. 2		5.00
No. 3		1.50
Turnips, new, per sack		1.66
Radishes, local, per doz.		M.P.
Green Peppers, lb.		.13
Fruits		
Strawberries		M.P.
Grapes, Malaga		3.65
Red Emperor		3.75
Cranberries		.22
Pineapples, fresh Cuban, crt.		M.P.
Arizona Grapefruit, Sunkist	1.75	6.35
Pomegranates, crt.		3.60
Apples—		
Delicious		3.75
Wagener		3.15
McIntosh Reds, Okanagan 2.25,	2.50	1.60
Jonathans	2.00	1.50
Winter Banana		1.75
Winesaps		1.66
Local Apples, crt.	.75	1.35
Bos Pears, fancy	2.56 to	1.76
Bananas, uncrated		.10
Bananas, crated		.06
Lemons, case	7.56	9.56
Valencia		M.P.
Oranges, Jap. per bundle		1.65
Cantaloupes, 45's to 30's		M.P.
Casabas		M.P.
Cocoanuts, doz.		1.50

MEAT

Beef, No. 1 Steers		.13½
Lamb		.60
Lard	.22	.24
Veal	.14	.17
Bacon	.60	.40
Mutton		.22
Hams	.20	.22
Chickens	.25	.27
Fowl	.25	.22
Pork		.16
Geese, fresh		.26
Turkey	.46	.56
Turkey, Alberta	.25	.42

SUGAR

B.C. Refinery—	
White, per hundred	9.26
Yellow, per hundred	6.75

FEED

	100 lbs.	Per Ton
Barley	$2.46	$46.00
Gr. Barley	2.60	50.00
Corn	2.80	54.05
Cracked Corn	2.00	56.00
Feed, Cornmeal	2.60	50.00
Oats	2.20	42.50
Oats, ground	2.30	44.00
Scratch Feed	3.00	54.00
Poultry Mash	5.00	00.00
Marvel Egg Mash	2.70	53.00

FLOUR

	Per Sk 49 lbs
Snowflake	2.75
Purity	2.75
B. & K. Floor	2.75
Five Roses	2.75
Maple Leaf	2.75
Royal Standard	2.75
Royal Household	2.75
B. & K. Pastry	2.85
Whole Wheat	2.55

Retail Prices

(Revised December 25, 1925)

Eggs		
B.C. Fresh Extras		.56
B.C. Firsts		.50
Vegetables		
Artichokes, Globe, each		.26
Cauliflower	.40 and	.60
Cabbage, local, lb.		.03
Celery, local, head		.10
Cucumbers, fresh, each		.25
Grapes, Calif., per lb.		.15
Onions, pickling, 4 lbs. for		.25
Green Spring Onions, bunch		.05
Parsley, bunch		.05
Lettuce, Cal., fresh, per hd.		.15
Lettuce, hothouse leaf, head		.05
Local Onions, 10 lbs. for		.25
Peas, green, fresh, per lb.		.35
Potatoes, 7 lbs. for		.25
Potatoes, local, per sack		3.00
Potatoes, Ashcroft, per sack		6.50
Potatoes, Netted Gems, per sack		3.50
Potatoes, sweet 2 lbs. for		.25
Mushrooms, fresh, lb.		.40
Spinach, local, 3 lbs. for		.30
Tomatoes, hothouse, per lb.		.30
Turnips, local, 10 lbs. for		.25
Watercress, per bunch		.05
Fruits		
Apples—		
Local, 4 lbs. for		.25
Jonathan, per box		2.75
McIntosh Red, per box		2.95
Delicious, per box		3.25
Bananas, doz.	.50 and	.60
Egg Plant, per lb.		.12½
Cranberries, per lb.		.25
Figs, Cal., layer 6-oz. pkts.		.10
Per lb.		.35
Grapes, Red Emperor, per lb.		.15
Grapefruit, Ariz.	.10, .12½	.15
Florida Grapefruit, each	.15 to	.20
Grapefruit, California, 3 for		.25
Lemons, doz.	.35, .40	.50
Oranges, new navels, doz.	.25 and	.35
Oranges, new Valencias, doz.	.35 to	.60
Oranges, Jap. per box		.75
Pomegranates, each		.10
Pineapple, fresh, each		.50
Raisins, Spanish Cluster, pkt.,	.50 and	.65
Raspberries, fresh, per box		.25
Rhubarb, per lb.		.20
Fish		
Bloaters		.15
Cod fillets, per lb.		.25
Halibut, per lb.		.25
Soles, lb.		.15
Black Cod, fresh, 2 lbs. for		.25
Fresh 2 lbs. for		.25
Cod, per lb.		.20
Kippers, per lb. .15; 2 lbs. for		.25
Finnan Haddies, per lb.		.20
Oysters —		
Esquimalt, doz.		.60
Olympia, per pint		.60
Herrings, per lb. .10, 3 lbs. for		.25
Smelts, per lb.		.20
Salmon		.20
Salmon, white		.25
Crabs	.12, .20	.25

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Eggs active; butter and cheese dull:

Butter—No. 1 pasteurized, 42 1-2 to 42; No. 1 creamery 40 to 41 cents.

Eggs—Storage extras, 46 cents; storage firsts, 41 cents; storage seconds, 36 cents; fresh extras, 75 cents; fresh firsts, 65 cents.

Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $2.50.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Copper steady; electrolytic, spot and futures 14 1-8 @ 14 1-4; tin firm, spot and nearby, 63.25, futures 62.75; iron steady, unchanged; lead steady, spot 9.25; zinc steady, East St. Louis, spot 8.75, futures 8.55 to 8.65; antimony, spot 23.00.

Dow Jones Averages

(Supplied by R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd.)

40 Leading Bonds 92.95, up .02.
20 Industrial Stocks 155.98, up 2.07.
20 Active Rails 111.11, up .77.

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Heavy Movement Starts on Christmas Day With Arrival of Canadian Seigneur From Montreal

Australia Will Sail Saturday

Following the dull period along Victoria's waterfront, shipping will start with a rush. No less than twelve deep-sea liners will call at Victoria on and after Christmas Day until the last day of the month.

The movement starts with the arrival of the Canadian Seigneur from Montreal this morning. Saturday the Empress of Australia and Africa Maru call here outbound for the Orient, while on Sunday the President Madison sails for the Orient and the London Shipper docks from the United Kingdom. On December 28 the City of Vancouver is reported due for lumber and drydocking, while on December 30 the Toyama Maru will arrive from Far Eastern ports to discharge 186 tons of local car cargo, twenty-five bales of raw silk valued at $30,000, and fifteen cases of silk goods.

On December 31 the Admiral Oriental liner President Jackson is due from the Far East with the largest local cargo on record. This vessel is bringing 1,100 tons of freight for discharge at Victoria. The same day the Norwegian steamer Dungeness will arrive to load lumber. The Kaga Maru also sails for the Orient on this day.

King Bros. were advised yesterday that the steamer England would reach quarantine at 8 o'clock this morning, and after securing pratique will proceed to Port Alberni to load lumber. The City of Spokane, of the United States Shipping Board, is expected to reach quarantine at 7 o'clock this morning, and after securing pratique will pass up to Vancouver.

Heavy Run Occurs On Coastwise Vessels For Holiday Travel

Christmas travel yesterday reached the high level expected, particularly aboard the Princess Victoria, outbound to Vancouver, and the Princess Louise, inbound from the same city.

So large was the accommodation required on the steamers from Vancouver that two vessels were required last night to bring in passengers, the Princess Mary being called into to supplement the Princess Adelaide on the night run.

Shipping Information

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1925:

DECEMBER

	Sunrise	Sunset		Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:44	4:21	17	8:00	4:18
2	7:42	4:21	18	8:01	4:19
3	7:47	4:20	19	8:01	4:19
4	7:48	4:20	20	8:02	4:20
5	7:48	4:20	21	8:02	4:20
6	7:50	4:20	22	8:02	4:21
7	7:51	4:19	23	8:03	4:21
8	7:52	4:18	24	8:04	4:22
9	7:53	4:18	25	8:04	4:23
10	7:52	4:18	26	8:05	4:23
11	7:55	4:18	27	8:03	4:24
12	7:59	4:17	28	8:03	4:25
13	7:57	4:18	29	8:03	4:25
14	7:58	4:18	30	8:09	4:27
15	7:58	4:18	31	8:03	4:29
16	7:58	4:18			

The Meteorological Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B.C.

TIDES AT VICTORIA
DECEMBER

Date	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.	Time H. M.	H't Ft.
1	7:13	9.3	3:12	3.3	12:41	9.2	22:14	1.4
2	3:09	2.2	10:03	3.4	13:33	9.2	22:22	1.3
3	3:38	3.3	11:09	9.2	13:33	8.9	23:31	1.8
4	3:44	9.7	13:13	9.2	14:00	9.9	....	
5	0:11	2.2	10:19	3.3	....		....	
6	0:53	2.7	10:23	9.2	....		....	
7	1:33	3.3	10:31	3.7	....		....	
8	3:12	3.9	10:50	9.7	....		....	
9	3:49	4.3	10:50	8.7	13:43	3.3	22:24	3.3
10	3:14	3.2	11:09	8.7	17:57	4.3	....	
11	0:14	9.0	3:33	3.9	11:30	8.3	19:03	4.0
12	....		....		11:23	3.1	19:59	3.1
13	....		....		13:14	9.4	20:03	2.2
14	....		....		12:37	3.9	20:43	1.3
15	3:09	7.3	7:33	7.3	13:01	9.9	21:22	0.7
16	3:47	3.3	9:24	9.1	13:27	9.3	22:02	0.4
17	7:22	3.4	3:33	8.3	19:37	3.3	22:44	0.3
18	7:34	3.7	10:43	8.3	14:34	9.3	23:28	0.2
19	3:30	3.9	19:09	9.2	13:10	3.9	....	
20	0:13	1.9	8:51	8.3	12:28	7.7	19:03	3.0
21	1:04	2.4	3:13	9.0	14:59	7.0	17:09	7.1
22	1:24	3.4	9:43	3.0	19:38	9.1	20:39	9.3
23	3:43	4.3	10:13	9.1	17:34	3.3	23:33	9.1
24	3:27	2.3	10:33	3.2	13:33	4.3	....	
25	....		11:04	8.3	19:59	3.4	....	
26	....		11:23	9.4	13:32	2.9	....	
27	....		11:53	9.0	20:09	2.1	....	
28	....		13:33	8.0	20:38	1.7	....	
29	3:33	3.7	8:03	8.6	12:47	8.3	21:13	1.3
30	7:14	3.3	3:33	3.7	13:03	3.4	21:47	1.3
31	7:49	9.3	3:47	9.9	13:33	9.3	23:23	1.7

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, measured from the average level of lower low water.

Esquimalt—To find the depth of water on the sill of the drydock at any time, add 18.9 feet to the height of high water as above given.

GULF ISLANDS WINTER SERVICE

The Ss. Otter will leave Victoria 7:15 a.m. every Monday, returning to Victoria Tuesday evening, and leave Victoria every Wednesday at 8 a.m. to Ganges Harbor, proceeding to Vancouver on Thursday and returning to Victoria Saturday afternoon.

Rum-Runner Is Captured With Large Cargo

Speedboat Gaviota Surrenders After Shots Are Fired From U. S. Coastguard Rum-Chaser

Loading From Large Boat

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The launch Gaviota, long sought as a suspected rum smuggler, was trapped by the coast guard patrol boat No. 262, last night off Half Moon Bay, south of here, and brought as a prize into this port. Prohibition officials estimated she had in excess of 500 cases of liquor on board.

The lights of the Gaviota were sighted by the darkened rum-chaser as the launch supposedly was taking a cargo of liquor off a larger vessel. As the coast guard boat drew near the Gaviota made off. The Government craft gave chase. The crew of the rum-chaser sent a few volleys after the Gaviota from their small arms and the pursued boat quickly surrendered. Her two crew members were placed under arrest.

Casualties in Local Shipping Show Decrease

Seven Mishaps This Year as Compared With Ten Last Year—Tug Hope Disaster Most Tragic Event

Pachena Station Big Help

Shipping casualties during the present year to date which affected Victoria totalled seven, a decrease of three as compared with last year. Only one occurred on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and this was due to unforeseen circumstances.

H.M.C.S. Armentieres sank in fifty feet of water after she had struck a hidden rock at the entrance to Pipestem Inlet, Barkley Sound, last October. This was not due to fog, so that it can safely be said that the service given by the Pachena Point direction finding station has been such a success that no mishap has occurred off the West Coast due to foggy weather. Since the station was established, major mishaps on the West Coast of Vancouver Island have decreased.

Outstanding among the casualties this year was the tug Hope disaster, which was the most tragic incident that has occurred in local waters for a number of years. The tug Hope capsized while she was helping to lighter the wrecked steamer Eemdyk, and sank with a loss of seven lives.

The Eemdyk was another of the shipping casualties this year. Her grounding on Bentinck Island caused damage to the extent of $62,000, not to mention the salvaging fees and delay in shipment of cargo.

The Salvage King was called out to help in the salvaging operations on the wrecked tug Sea Lion recently, while the same vessel salvaged the wrecked tug Nahmint, which sank at the entrance to Nootka Sound during the early part of November.

Minor mishaps were the shifting of the cargo on the Ss. Poleric, which necessitated the sending of the Salvage King to her assistance, and the Ss. Artemesia, which was forced back to port with her funnel adrift and fittings carried away.

Admiral Liner Will Celebrate Christmas Day

Only Light List of Passengers Taken Out on Emma Alexander When She Sailed Last Night

Despite the fact that the Admiral liner Emma Alexander will be at sea on Christmas Day, arrangements have been made to celebrate the centuries' old festival. A large Christmas tree has been shipped on board the Emma Alexander, and the chief steward is to officiate as Santa Claus.

The Admiral liner sailed for San Francisco, San Pedro and other California ports at 11 o'clock last night, after picking up a light list of passengers, and a small consignment of freight.

Among the Victoria passengers embarking were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petersen, Mr. A. R. McSwain, Mr. Elliott McSwain, Mr. John McSwain and Miss Lassie McSwain, Mrs. Flora Pierce, Miss Catherine Pierce, Mrs. G. Vidas, Miss E. Vidas and Mr. G. S. Vidas, Mr. Huffman and Mr. Oswald Taylor.

Mr. Taylor, who is well known in Victoria, is going South to see his mother, who has undergone a serious operation following an accident. His mother, who was formerly a resident of Victoria, was knocked down by an automobile while boarding a street car on Market Street, San Francisco, and as a result had to have her leg amputated. The driver of the automobile had stolen the car. He was thrown to the road and killed.

Notice to Mariners

Mariners are advised that a wingdam has just been completed on the north side of the main channel of the Fraser River opposite No. 30 buoy which is at the head of the small channel running down to Steveston. The wingdam does not show at high water, but is marked at its outer end by a dolphin.

Mariners using the Steveston Channel are cautioned to keep to the south of the dolphin, which is driven about 600 feet from shore.

Latest Charters

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The following charters were announced here today: Ss. Levenpool, grain, British Columbia to the United Kingdom, private terms, by Heatley & Co.; Carlonian, lumber, Willapa Harbor and Puget Sound to New York by Krauss Bros., January.

Seven Killed on Railway

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 24.—Seven persons were killed and forty injured when a train on the longitudinal railway turned over tonight at Vallenar.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Arrived: J. L. Luckenbach, Fukuyo Maru, Tyndareus, Cellio, Tacoma; Warwick, Oleum; Loch Katrine, San Francisco; Makena, Grays Harbor; Cape St. Martin, Port Townsend. Sailed: Brookdale, Tacoma; Leme, Vancouver; Emma Alexander, San Francisco; Admiral Rodman, Ocean Falls; London Merchant, Portland.

JUNEAU, Dec. 24.—Sailed: Admiral Rogers, southbound.

EVERETT, Dec. 24.—Arrived: John C. Kirkpatrick, Seattle; Cellio, Tiger, Tacoma; Robin Hood, Vancouver; Hegira, New Orleans. Sailed: Dan Hanlon, Oakland.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Arrived: West Jappa, Aberdeen; Santa Cecelia, Puget Sound; Wahkeena, San Francisco. Sailed: Taurishima Maru, Yokohama.

TACOMA, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Brookdale, San Pedro. Sailed: Contra Costa, Point Wells; Tyndareus, Hong Kong; President Madison, Manila; Caddopeak, Sound ports; Tiger, Baltimore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Glymont, Port Angeles; Admiral Peary, Kiwenee, Admiral Dewey, Seattle; Wallingford, Astoria; Point Judith, Tacoma; Port Angeles, Admiral Farragut, Los Angeles.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Ginyo Maru, Hong Kong; Noorderdyk, Rotterdam; Texan, Portland; Stewart Dollar, New York; Montana, Boston.

Arrived

MANILA, Dec. 24.—President Van Buren, New York via San Francisco.

Sailed

AUCKLAND, Dec. 22.—Aorangi, Vancouver.

CRISTOBAL, Dec. 23.—K. I. Luckenbach, San Francisco; Floridian, Keifuku Maru, San Pedro; Halmon Pool, Hilarus, Vancouver.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24.—President Taft, San Francisco.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mongolia, San Francisco; President Garfield, Manila via San Francisco.

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS

Canadian Freighter, Dec. 14, left Panama Canal for U. K.

Canadian Highlander, Dec. 2, left Swansea for Victoria.

Canadian Importer, Nov. 30, left Antwerp for Vancouver.

Canadian Inventor, Dec. 9, left Panama Canal for New York.

Canadian Pioneer, Dec. 18, left Vancouver for Florida.

Canadian Planter at Vancouver.

Canadian Skirmisher, Dec. 10, arrived Avonmouth.

Canadian Ranger, Dec. 16, left San Francisco for Seattle.

Canadian Seigneur, Dec. 7, left Panama Canal for Victoria.

Canadian Transporter, Dec. 16, left Vancouver for Seattle.

Canadian Winner, Dec. 12, arrived London.

Canadian Coaster, Dec. 14, left Ocean Falls for Astoria.

Canadian Farmer, Dec. 16, left Ocean Falls for Prince Rupert.

Canadian Observer, Dec. 17, arrived Vancouver.

Canadian Rover, Dec. 12, left San Francisco for Victoria.

Canadian Trooper, Dec. 17, left Fraser River Mills for Nanaimo.

SHIPPING CALENDAR
To Arrive

London Shipper, from United Kingdom, Dec. 27.

Toyama Maru, from Yokohama, Dec. 30.

President Jackson, from Yokohama, Dec. 30.

Arabia Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 4.

Aorangi, from Australia, Jan. 8.

President McKinley, from Yokohama, Jan. 11.

Kaga Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 13.

Empress of Asia, from Yokohama, Jan. 25.

To Sail

Empress of Australia, for Yokohama, Dec. 26.

Africa Maru, for Yokohama, Dec. 26.

President Madison, for Yokohama, Dec. 29.

Kaga Maru, for Yokohama, Dec. 31.

Arizona Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 7.

President Jackson, for Yokohama, Jan. 10.

Aorangi, for Australia, Jan. 13.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS
DECEMBER
China and Japan

President Jefferson—Due at Shanghai, Dec. 22; Hong Kong, Dec. 26.

Empress of Russia—Due at Yokohama, Dec. 24; Shanghai, Dec. 28; Hong Kong, Dec. 31.

President Grant—Due at Yokohama, Dec. 29; Shanghai, Jan. 3; Hong Kong, Jan. 7.

Empress of Australia—Mails close Dec. 26, 5 p.m. Due at Yokohama, Jan. 8; Shanghai, Jan. 13; Hong Kong, Jan. 16.

President Madison—Mails close Dec. 29, 4 p.m. Due at Yokohama, Jan. 10; Shanghai, Jan. 15; Hong Kong, Jan. 19.

Kaga Maru—Mails close Dec. 31, 4 p.m. Due at Yokohama, Jan. 17.

Australia and New Zealand

Niagara—Due at Auckland, Jan. 4; Sydney, Jan. 9.

Sonoma—Due at Sydney, Jan. 12.

Makura—Mails close Dec. 27, 4 p.m. Due at Wellington, Jan. 18. Sydney, Jan. 22.

Christmas Day On Waterfront Will Be Broken

Canadian Seigneur, Delayed by Heavy Weather, Will Not Arrive Until This Morning From Montreal

Ss. Dungeness Due Dec. 31

Shipping men had planned a quiet day along the waterfront for Christmas, but old Mother Nature has had her own way, and sent rough weather to the C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Seigneur, and has delayed that vessel so that she will not dock until this morning.

Local C.G.M.M. officials say that she can go ahead and come in on Christmas Day, but their fun will not be spoiled, for they do not intend to have the ship worked until Saturday morning.

The Canadian Seigneur has more than 600 tons of freight for discharge at Victoria. She is not expected to clear for Vancouver until Sunday. This is the last of the C.G.M.M. fleet to clear from Montreal for this coast by way of the Panama Canal, before navigation closed on the St. Lawrence River.

The local C.G.M.M. office was also advised today that the steamer Dungeness would arrive here on December 31 to load lumber. She will berth at the Ogden Point docks where the lumber is being assembled.

Christmas Buying Shows Big Increase at Market

The Public Market yesterday was again the scene of great activity among the Christmas shoppers. Throughout the day the building was alive with busy purchasers laying in their festive season supplies, and stallholders were unanimous in their decision that this year's holiday buying has shown a large increase over that of the past several years.

The market will be closed on Saturday, but it is expected it will be open on Wednesday and Thursday of next week to cope with the New Year rush.

Exchanges Close for Christmas Holidays

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—All the principal securities and commodities exchanges of the country with the exception of the Chicago Board of Trade will observe a triple Christmas holiday. The New York Exchange voted today to remain closed from Thursday night to Monday morning. Inasmuch as Saturday is not a legal holiday, the banks will be open for business on that day. The London Exchange also will be closed on Saturday.

New Incorporations

Companies incorporated during the past week included two new lumber firms and two mining companies, according to an announcement made yesterday by the registrar of companies, Parliament Buildings. Following is the list for the week:

Island Mills, Limited, private, $15,000, Vancouver.

Grand Central Parking & Auto Sales, Limited, private, $10,000, Vancouver.

Shuswap Lake Lumber Company, Limited, private, $30,000, Sicamous.

The Vally Recreations, Limited, private, $10,000, Smithers.

Rollin' Pin Bake Shop, Limited, private, $10,000, Vancouver.

Cassiar Gold Mines, Limited, non-personal liability, private, $500,000, Victoria.

Lumbermen's Club, Limited, private, $10,000, Vancouver.

Federal Exploration & Mining Company, Limited, private, $2,000,000, Vancouver.

North Shore Drydock Company, Limited, private, $250,000, Nanaimo.

The Paddock, Limited, private, $10,000, Vancouver.

Extra provincial company registered—Big Missouri Mining Company, $5,000,000, Tacoma, Wash., and Vancouver.

Mine Bares Rich Vein

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 24.—A thirty-foot vein of practically pure lead and silver ore has been tapped by a tunnel driven approximately 1,700 feet below the outcroping on the Salmon River property of the Walker H. McGinnis Metals Company of New York, representatives of the company said today. The estimated value is $100,000,000. The mine is near Clayton, about 65 miles from McKey.

Market Expansion Reaches Maximum

The Public Market has now been developed to its maximum capacity, according to a report on the year's activities submitted to Mayor J. Carl Pendray.

The total number of stalls in the inside section is 105, and every stall has now been rented. The total revenue for the year amounts to $7,780.50, an increase of $75 over the figure for 1924.

Many repairs and improvements have been carried out during the past year and more are contemplated for 1926, in accordance with the city's aim to keep the market thoroughly up-to-date in all respects.

Christmas Antics Mark Closing of Exchanges

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Christmas spirit was in evidence on the London Stock Exchange today. Before closing for the holidays the stock brokers joined the clerks and jobbers in a joyful melee to the strains of discordant music from toy trumpets.

The corn exchange and the ship brokers engaged in a hilarious rugby football game.

Week's Clearings

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—The following are the bank clearings for the principal cities of the Dominion of Canada for the week ending today, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago.

	1925	1924
Halifax	$ 3,933,420	$ 2,409,282
St. John	3,991,449	1,397,383
Moncton	1,071,112	912,998
Sherbrooke	831,962	999,010
Quebec	3,814,243	4,734,083
Ottawa	7,098,324	6,080,390
Montreal	24,139,799	110,253,392
Kingston	803,394	723,271
Peterboro	930,230	730,271
Toronto	103,702,108	39,049,079
Hamilton	3,447,327	4,339,067
Brantford	1,383,370	783,783
London	3,129,930	2,972,937
Windsor	3,330,278	2,424,337
Kitchener	....	939,431
Winnipeg	77,309,974	32,939,737
Brandon	712,006	389,153
Regina	9,277,104	3,813,292
Saskatoon	3,447,733	1,393,883
Moose Jaw	1,484,733	1,198,937
Prince Albert	471,137	339,334
Medicine Hat	387,967	371,991
New Westminster	743,833	431,430
Vancouver	17,920,700	13,931,137
Victoria	3,133,983	1,320,444
Edmonton	3,984,904	....
Calgary	10,131,941	....
Lethbridge	937,453	....
Fort William	1,191,302	....

MONEY MARKETS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Money 3 5-8 per cent. Discount rates: Short bills 5 1-8 per cent; three months' bills 4 15-16 per cent.

At New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Call money easier; high 6; low 5 1-2; ruling rate 6; closing bid 5 1-2; offered at 5 3-4; last loan 5 1-2; call loans against acceptances 4 1-2. Time loans steady. Mixed collateral, 60-90 days 4 7-8 @ 5; 4-6 months 4 7-8 @ 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1-4 per cent.

SILVER MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Bar silver, 68 1-2. Mexican dollars 52 1-2.

At London

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Bar silver 31 11-16d per ounce.

Technology Plan Brings Benefits

Industries Improved by Educational Methods on "Business Doctor" Lines

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 24.—Six years ago industry and education got together in a plan of co-operation and industry has been coming back for more ever since. Today the division of industrial co-operation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has more orders than it can fill.

This idea of co-operation is called the "Technology Plan." Briefly, it operates to place at industry's door the services of highly trained technical and scientific workers, as well as their equipment, in order that problems confronting the business world may be solved without a disruption of present methods or a let up in production.

Demands Understood

Results of the plan have been to bring men from many factories into the institute to work and study in its laboratories; to send research workers from the institute into the factories, and to keep these workers and professors alive to the growing demands and needs of the industrial world.

Aside from these results, Professor Charles I. Norton, director of the division, believes this co-operation has caused many manufacturers to increase the amount of research work done in their own factories to the end of bettering their products. He cited the example of a manufacturer of woolens who believed his product to be the best obtainable.

Trouble Discovered

A customer complained as to the quality of his goods and he appealed to the institute for help. Research professors found the trouble and means of correcting it. The manufacturer built a laboratory of his own, manned it with Technology graduates and kept the research worker as a visiting instructor until he was sure things were running as they should.

Some of the problems that the institute professors have been called upon to solve include determining the effect of laundering upon cotton fabrics; perfection of a machine to build silica bricks for steel furnace linings; studying the effect upon buildings of vibrations caused by trucks and operation of heavy machinery, and many other problems of widely divergent natures.

First Double-Decked Street Near Completion

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Chicago's first double-decked street is nearing completion as a $3,000,000 hardware plant, the last building in its path, gives way to a wrecker gang.

When completed the street, located on the South bank of the Chicago River, will be known as Wacker Drive and will represent an expenditure of $20,000,000 for the one mile of its length.

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The "Blue Ruin" picture of Great Britain as it is often drawn today is false.

Debts are being paid; bank deposits and clearances are increasing, trades which cater to spending power of the population are prosperous; profits are greater than they ever were before in the history of the country. The financial position of the country has been adjusted by the return to the gold standard, the currency is back at par, and a big improvement in trade is forecast.

This was the other side of the picture presented by Colonel the Hon. Vernon Willey, president of the Federation of British Industries, president of Willey & Co., Ltd., Bradford, large textile manufacturers, a director of Lloyd's Bank, and the man who headed the wool control during the war and showed a profit for the country on the transaction of over $35,000,000.

During the course of an interview in Montreal recently, Colonel Willey, who is in America to "establish contact" between the Federation of which he is the president, and Canadian manufacturers, entered into an exhaustive analysis of the present industrial position in Great Britain. Admitting that there were many adverse factors at present he strenuously denied that there was any danger of decay in the Old Country. The present position was the result of the aftermath of the Great War and the superhuman efforts Britain had made to restore her currency and re-establish her financial prestige, and the time would soon come when Great Britain would reap the results of her sacrifices.

More People Employed

"Blue Ruin" might be talked, he said, but that did not alter the fact that there were more people employed in Great Britain than ever before, and that before them lay a prospect of better times, of expanding industry, increased trade with the Dominions and with the other countries of the world. With stabilization and settlement, this would come, he predicted, and it would find Great Britain with her currency at par, her financial situation unimpaired, her debts funded and being repaid, her industrial efficiency increased, ready to take full advantage of the trade increase throughout the world.

"The position of England today as it appears to people in the Dominions and to those in foreign countries may cause anxiety as to the future," said Colonel Willey. "We certainly have got a large number of people out of work, but it cannot be insisted on too often that we have more people employed in Great Britain than before the war, for our population has increased by 2,000,000 in the last ten years and we have less than 1,300,000 unemployed.

"During the war there was an immense increase in our producing capacity accompanied by an increase in efficiency in most trades, and at the same time we reduced hours from 54 to 48 a week, or by 15 per cent, a proceeding that automatically adjusted matters to a certain extent.

Pre-War Unemployment

"We have now a surplus of only 1,300,000 people. Before the war and the introduction of the unemployment benefit scheme we had not aggregate figures, but it can be assumed that there were always from 400,000 to 500,000 unemployables, and that puts the increase therefore at about 700,000.

"For ten years before the war industry slowly expanded in England in spite of emigration absorbing the increase in population and we invested abroad every year an enormous sum of money, something like £200,000,000. That foreign investment which was assisted by emigration was sent overseas not as gold, but in the shape of manufactured products, steel rails, locomotives, cutlery, textiles, and a host of other goods and that in turn employed British ships which came back with raw materials to keep the factories going.

"But since the war there has been no margin over living expenses to make foreign investments on that scale. Therefore exports have declined and because exports have declined and shipping is not employed thereby we lose one of the main sources of employment. Moreover that causes depression in the shipbuilding industry.

"Undoubtedly, the insufficiency of British funds going into foreign investments in parts of the world which are less known, and which American experience does not yet give them confidence to penetrate, has meant that the whole volume of trade had been slowed down, and as a leading industrial and exporting nation we are suffering in common with the rest of the world."

Famous Black Prince Said to Be Giving Warning of Danger

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Black Prince of the House of Plantagenet, whose romantic life made him the most chivalrous figure of a chivalrous age, is said to haunt Hall Place, where once he wooed Joan, the fair maid of Kent.

Clad in his conventional black armor, the Prince has appeared several times in late years, according to Lady Limerick and others now residing in the fourteenth century mansion. The noble lady believes the Prince is giving warning of impending danger to England.

"The last time I saw the ghost," she said, "it was standing by the fireside in the morning room, and when I entered with a friend, it glided away through the window into the garden. On two occasions, the ghost appeared at dusk.

"Sometimes there have been sounds of music, as if very sweet old fashioned instruments were being played."

Lady Limerick has resided in the mansion many years, and she said the Prince had been such a frequent visitor the servants had become accustomed to him. His body is believed to have rested here a night when it was being taken to Canterbury for burial.

Group of Wife and Children of Heir of a Former Governor-General of Canada

Whatever may be said of society women in other countries, the women of the British aristocracy are very fond mothers. The charming group shows the Countess of Kerry and her lovely children. Her husband, the Earl of Kerry, is heir to Lord Lansdowne, a former Governor-General of Canada. Lady Kerry was, before her marriage, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Stanley Hope.

London Is Ageless; Time Does Not Count; Its Youth Is Everlasting

Is It Possible to Sum Up Earth's Greatest City in Word or Phrase?—One Searches Restlessly for Expression That Will Describe It, Says Writer

Is it possible to sum up earth's greatest city in a word or phrase? asks O.S. in an interesting article in The Christian Science Monitor. As one goes up and down London streets, listening to their myriad voices of work and play, seeing how they intermingle squalor with pomp and merge today into forever, it is as though some vast personality were slowly revealing itself. But what kind of personality? Although no man can hope to see the whole of London face to face, yet the question presses for answer. One searches restlessly for the phrase or word that will sum up all.

Standing before the Mansion House and hearing the dull and steady thud of traffic about the Bank, one thinks that Power may be the word he seeks. Beside Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament, he thinks of Wealth. Among the quiet squares of the West End where the transient sunshine washes mellow cornices, he is sure that the word for London is Dignity. Massive strength is what the city chiefly suggests in its more superficial aspects, but there is more than that. One catches a glimpse of something more beside St. Paul's or in the Museum Court where the pigeons wheel and tumble all day long in the dimly colored air, describing mysteriously concerted ellipses and parabolas among the time-stained columns and flashing faint light from their slate-grey wings. One sees more than strength beside the river in the afterglow, when lustrous hues are laid like a garment upon the resting water. Most clearly the Sunday bells remind one that London is as wistful as she is mighty, and that for all the resistless march and forward thrust of her great present she remembers many things.

Thinking of London, we can never leave out the past, as we may in the thought of New York. She is a huge pile of centuries. More and more, as one's knowledge of her grows, the sense increases that there has been gathered together in her treasuries an enormous accumulation out of years gone by, not only of things she has made herself but of things she has taken, in the masterful way of Rome. Here the ends of the earth, and the ends of time also, are brought together into small compass. Despite the ruthless and headlong destruction that has carried much away, there is in London an overwhelming quantity of beautiful things very delicately wrought and lovingly elaborated. And so one may decide to call London simply Rich—using the word in the sense in which it describes a thing patiently worked out during a long period of time and lovingly treasured thereafter, like a medieval tapestry. Her centuries have left her rich, in this better meaning of the word, as no other city has ever been.

Yet those centuries of London's majestic age are more than the mere foundations for the city of today; they are indispensable and component parts of the structure itself, and they are visible and audible in the present. For nothing that London has ever been is ever wholly forgotten or rejected. Although all things seem at all times passing away, and there is no sentimental clinging to the past, yet all that the past has been and all that it has made is somehow caught up and swept along in the current. Just as the lower Thames contains in one wide water the intermingled streams of a dozen tributaries, London today is all her two thousand years moving forward together.

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The civilization of London is rich because it is many strata deep. Drill wherever you like there, and you go down through the Victoria period, the Regency, past Burke and Pitt, past Dr. Johnson and his circle, past Addison and the wits of the coffee-houses, to Congreve and the Restoration. Then comes Cromwell, Bacon, Shakespeare, and all the rich deposits of the Elizabethan time. Lower still, you reach the splendid court of Henry the Eighth, then the wars of the Roses, and Chaucer, Knight of the Shire and member of Parliament. Along the river by the Tower and in Westminster, where the Chaucerian outcroppings lie, this seems but yesterday. Ten centuries deeper still you find London already a proud, rich city, and even then you are far from the beginnings.

By such a realization of London's ripe antiquity one gains a partial sense of its richness, but to understand fully what is meant by the word one must see how everything essential to the London of the past has been saved. Think first of the recent epoch of Dickens. Not only in the novelist's London houses are you brought face to face with that time. Walk down the Strand in a Dickensian mood and you will see nothing but Peckniffs, Oliver Twists, Dombeys and Little Dorritts. Dickens seems on some days to dominate the city, as though he had imagined it. Or you may take Boswell for your guide, and then you seem to see at every turn a ponderous untidy figure in snuff-colored coat and tie-wig who beats every lamp-post with his huge amber-colored stick as he rolls along. You meet that figure not only at Staples Inn, Bolt Court, Gough Square, and in the Temple, but in Adelphi Terrace, at Charing Cross, and in the Mitre. He is ubiquitous. He is London, and London is he—learned, fumbling, dogmatic, powerful as a giant and tender-hearted as a child.

Again, you may lay down your Shakespeare and walk forth into Shakespeare's city. Not only in the dismal tangle of Southwark alleys where The Globe once stood, but on every winding street of the borough where he walked for twenty years will you encounter him. The tide of faces that surges before you and flows away behind is just such a tide as he saw here, and each face has still the faint touch of mystery upon which he brooded. Something has changed in these people since he knew them, for they have not quite the same inexhaustible ebullience of speech and they cover their feelings more carefully from the public gaze; but beneath the calmer exterior they show the same strange mixture of hard common sense and warm emotions, and they are still crossed and grained more deviously than most of their fellow-mortals elsewhere. Unmistakenly, they are Shakespeare's people, still thinking themselves quite indifferent to poetry and still producing the best poetry in the world. With little difficulty you could discover most of his dramatis personae among them.

Or, finally, you may close your copy of The Canterbury Tales and go out to loiter for an hour on the Bridge. Peer closely into these faces streaming by. Are they not familiar? The garb is different, and these pilgrims do not go on horseback, but otherwise there is little change. Here goes the worldly Monk, and there the selfless Parson. Yonder is the Miller, the Wife of Bath, and Harry Bailey himself. And it will be strange if you do not find among them some withdrawn, all-seeing, and humorous countenance, standing aside from the whole pageant and looking it quite through and through.

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I remember sitting one April evening in a room above Fleet Street and just over the Temple Gate, talking the long twilight hours away with a group of journalists, scholars and poets. These men and women, talking eagerly on many topics, from world politics to the turning of a sonnet were engaged in exactly the same great enterprise of conversation that Dryden had carried on near at hand, and Ben Jonson before him. More vividly than at most times, I had a sense of history's continuous flow, of the newness in the old and the oldness in the new. For hundreds of years these topics had been discussed there, with the same enthusiasm, the same belief in the fundamental importance of getting right opinions. Within a hundred yards of where we sat Dr. Johnson had often talked the night away, with Goldsmith or Boswell in his company. Coleridge and Hazlitt and Lamb had taken up the tale where these left off, and here were we, carrying on. Suddenly, as I looked out into the street that was already old when Chaucer walked it, London seemed to me very young, in its present enthusiasm, its forward look, its indefeasible conviction that the best is yet to be.

When that company of talkers broke up late at night, I walked down to Blackfriars and the Embankment and stood for a long time looking at the blue-black water under the stars, looking at the river on which the Roman galleys plied and British coracles once bobbed and tossed, and out of which are still dredged implements of the Old Stone Men to whom the Romans were of yesterday. Up and down in the darkness slid the barges, moving blots of deeper black punctuated by colored lights, and lower down lay the merchant ships, I knew, of half the world. Standing there and gazing out across the historic stream, I saw that London River is no older now than it was when the Romans came, that its youth is everlasting. It seemed to me, therefore, the perfect symbol of the city's self—so stained and yet so beautiful, so fraught with cares and so unhastening, going about its mighty business with so majestic a quietness, murmuring over and over its noble memories of two millennia as a child may murmur in happy dreams about the day that is yet to dawn.

—O.S.

British Monarchy Accorded Praise

System Excludes Possibility of Active Power Conceded to Either President or King

"The throne of King George V is the firmest great throne in the world," says The New Statesman, after paying a fine tribute to the late Queen Alexandra.

"Most of us are convinced supporters of the system of constitutional monarchy, because we have seen the advantage of having a hereditary rather than any elected Head of the State," adds The New Statesman. "British political philosophy, even when it is republican, can find no room for a Head of the State having such powers as are granted, for example, to an American President.

"If we were ever to choose a President, we should choose him as a figure-head, not as a ruler, and should probably grant him even smaller powers than are accorded to the Presidents of France and Germany. Our traditional and deep-rooted conception of a Government responsible only to Parliament, and primarily to the House of Commons, excludes the possibility of any active power being conceded either to a President or to a King.

Represents Dignity Only

"This being so, no one in this country desires in practice any change in the direction of republicanism. There would be no advantage in substituting election for heredity in the choice of a man whose duty is to represent the dignity rather than the power of the State, and there would be plain disadvantages.

"It would, to say the least, be difficult to discover by means of a popular vote any great figurehead who would understand the obligations and limitations of his office so well as they have been understood, in precept and practice alike, by Queen Victoria and her descendants. Our hereditary monarchs are trained from childhood to appreciate not only the broad duties but the subtleties of the great office which in due course they are to fill.

"There is no danger of any of them attempting to usurp functions which in a democratic country cannot belong to the Head of the State. They are able, moreover, to win the personal respect and affection of their subjects, wholly irrespective of party sentiment, as no President ever could unless he had no 'past'—and if he had no 'past' he would never be elected.

"Elected Persons'" Glamor

"And this consideration is of quite peculiar importance in relation to that great agglomeration of nations which makes up the British Empire. It is necessary not only that the official head of such an agglomeration should enjoy the confidence and respect of his subjects, but that his office should be invested with the greatest possible glamor and prestige—such as cannot be won by 'elected persons.'

"The British Monarchy is essentially an empirical device, and as such it works admirably. It embodies the principle of 'dignity without power' more successfully than any other device that has ever been proposed.

"All hereditary offices, of course, involve certain drawbacks. We cannot be perfectly sure that all the future descendants of King George V will recognize the essential conditions of their constitutional tenure as clearly as he and his immediate predecessors have understood them. But we can see no present ground for alarm on that score.

Exaggerated Misgivings

"Certain misgivings have been rather freely expressed lately, even in the most conservative quarters, about the character and activities of the present heir to the throne. But these misgivings seem to us to be exaggerated. They are nothing beside the things that were openly and widely said about the princes who subsequently became those excellent constitutional monarchs William IV and Edward VII.

"The fact that the Prince of Wales falls over a fence from time to time or plays the part of a girl in short skirts in a charade affords no ground for supposing that he will not listen to the advice of his Prime Ministers, or that he will fail when he is older to behave with that dignity which kings, if not princes, must maintain.

"He has earned, at any rate, even by his tumbles, a popularity which he can turn one day to excellent account if he knows how to do it; and the knowledge of how to do it appears to be a traditional knack amongst most of the descendants of 'Albert the Good.'"

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Treat Yourself Like Your Bank Account

Don't Follow Fads or Become Extremists in Habits, Says Writer on Health

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—"Treat yourself as you would your bank account," do not follow new fads and take plenty of exercise in the open air, are some of the ways to lessen the twentieth century strain upon the middle-aged, Dr. Edwin W. Dwight, of Boston, today told the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

Fifty per cent of the declinations of almost any life insurance company are due to circulatory diseases, the physician said, pointing out that at the age of thirty, just when a man is becoming of real value to his family, community and nation, these diseases begin to appear.

After a long survey, Dr. Dwight concluded that the incidence of circulatory disease is in inverse relation to the amount of physical exercise which is taken in the open air, and, other things being equal, it is in direct relation to the amount of nervous and mental strain.

Do Not Follow Fads

His rules of health follow:

"Do not follow ideas because they are new. Consider the 'Laws of Moses,' which have stood the test of more than thirty centuries.

"Do not follow fads, or become extremists in your habit of life. If the Lord had intended you to be herbivorous He would not have given you teeth in the upper jaw. If carnivorous, you would have had canine teeth and claws with which to tear your meat. You were created to be omnivorous—therefore eat plainly of a mixed diet. Fuel is necessary for the creation of energy, and oxygen for the combustion of fuel. As much energy is needed for mental effort as for physical. The working horse needs more grain than the one which stands in the stall.

Treat Yourself Like Bank Account

"Treat yourself as you would your bank account. Make more deposits than you draw cheques, and you will create a reserve which will be available in those physical and mental emergencies which come to us all. Many of the symptoms which we have and the conditions which are demonstrated on examination are simply notices from the bank that our account is overdrawn.

Circulatory disease is largely a personal affair, and its prevalence is in inverse relation to the amount of physical work done in the fresh air. The more confining your occupation the more important it is for you to keep this in mind.

"This above all: To thine own self be true."

Clergyman Dies Aged 85 Years

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—Rev. Louis D. G. Gladu, former teacher at Ottawa University and missionary in Canada and the United States, died in St. Boniface today, aged eighty-five years.

TODAY'S RADIO

Programme of Principal Western Broadcasting Stations

KFI, Los Angeles, Cal. (467)—5:30 p.m., Los Angeles Examiner matinee programme; 6 p.m., KFI nightly doings and amusement information; 6:15 p.m., Radio Motorlogue Resort Service, courtesy Mr. Hewitt; 6:45 p.m., KFI radiotorial period; 7 p.m., Programme presented by L.A. Examiner; 8 p.m., Organ recital, Dan L. McFarland at the console of the Aeolian Residence Pipe Organ; 9 p.m., Varied programme, presenting prominent KFI artists in a Christmas songfest; 9:30 p.m., Programme presented by Mutual Motors, Incorporated, featuring music and "Joke Contest"; 10 p.m., Programme presented by Myra Vickers and assisting artists.

KFOA, Seattle, Wash. (455)—12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Seattle Chamber of Commerce programme; 4 to 5:15 p.m., The Times, Wm. F. Hoffman's Olympic Hotel concert orchestra; 6 to 6:45 p.m., Dinner hour concert by Hoffman orchestra from the Olympic Hotel, courtesy of Pacific States Electric Company; 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., Sherman, Clay & Co. programme; 8:15 p.m., Weather report; 8:30 to 10 p.m., The Times Studio programme; 10 to 11:30 p.m., Eddie Harkness and his orchestra playing from the Marine Room of the Olympic Hotel.

KGW, Portland, Ore. (492)—6 to 7 p.m., Dinner concert; 7:30 to 7:45 p.m., Weather, police and market reports, news items; 9 to 10:30 p.m., Concert from Sherman, Clay & Co. Studio; 10:30 to midnight, Hoot Owls, featuring Rose City Trio and Pantages Acts.

KPO, San Francisco, Cal. (428)—6:30 to 7 p.m., Waldemar Lind and the States Restaurant orchestra; 8 to 11 p.m., Palace Hotel dance orchestra, Maurice Gunsky, tenor; Merton Bories, pianist; with piano solos by Al. Jacobs, who will entertain at the studio in dance intermissions.

KTCL, Seattle, Wash. (306)—10:10 to 10:15 a.m., Exercise Over the Air," by T. G. "Van" Cook; 10:15 to 10:30 a.m., Daily recipes, announcements from the public markets; 8 to 9 p.m., Studio programme; 9 to 10 p.m., Western Auto Supply Company, Western Giant Cord orchestra.

CFYC, Vancouver, B.C. (411)—Programme for Christmas Day will be announced over the air at 7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve.

KGO, Oakland, Cal. (361)—4 to 5:30 p.m., Concert orchestra, Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco, Vinton La Ferrera conducting; 5:30 to 6 p.m., Girls' half hour, conducted by Esther Wood Schneider; 6 to 7 p.m., Dinner Concert; 7 p.m., News items and final reading of weather and stock reports and S.F. produce news.

KHJ, Los Angeles, Cal. (405)—6 to 10 p.m., Programme through the courtesy of the Western Auto Supply Co.; 10 to 11 p.m., Art Hickman's Biltmore dance orchestra.

Owing to the fact that there will be no publication on Saturday, the following programme is for Saturday, December 26.

KFI, Los Angeles, Cal. (467)—6 p.m., MacDaniel's Nightly Doings and Amusement Information Service. 6:15, Hewitt's Motorlogue Resort Service. 6:45, KFI Radiotorial Period. 7, varied programme, featuring Virginia Fiohri, soprano; Raymond McFeeters, tenor, and the Pennell Melody Trio. 9, featuring the Louise Klos Trio, with Evelyn Pickerell, violinist; Hazel Babbige, 'cello; Louise Klos, harp, and Ysabel Bowen, soprano soloist. 10, Packard Radio Club, featuring Dolly MacDonald, Charles Cole, Bud Gore, the Carlson Sisters, Bud Hoff, Joey Ray, Bobbie Gross, Polly Grant Hall. 11, KFI Midnite Frolic; Don Meaney presenting stars of screen and stage; William Beaudine (B.B.), master of ceremonies. Programme until 3 a.m.

KPO, San Francisco, Cal. (428)—1 to 2 p.m., Rudy Seiger's Fairmont Hotel Orchestra, Wm. Schwartzman, conducting. 3:30, Palace Hotel Dance and Concert Orchestras. 6:15, A. A. Housman, stock market quotations. 6:30, Ye Towne Cryer and amusement information. 6:35, Waldemar Lind and the States Restaurant Orchestra. 8 to 12, Jack Coakley's Cabirians at Cabiria Cafe.

KGO, Oakland, Cal. (361)—4 to 5:30 p.m., Concert Orchestra of the Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco, Vinton La Ferrera conducting. 8, weekly "sport review" by Al Santoro. 8:10, Arion Trio and California Mixed Quartette; Josephine Holub, violin; Margaret Avery, 'cello; Joyce Holloway Barthelson, piano; Zilpha Ruggles Jenkins, soprano; Ruth Waterman, contralto; Carl Anderson, tenor; Albert Gillette, bass. Also, Howard I. Milholland, reader. 10 to midnight, dance music programme from the Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco, Girvin Deuel's California Collegians.

KFOA, Seattle, Wash. (455)—4 to 5:15 p.m., The Times, Wm. F. Hoffman's Olympic Hotel Concert Orchestra. 6 to 6:45, dinner hour concert by Hoffman Orchestra from the Olympic Hotel, courtesy of Pacific States Electric Company. 9:30 to 11:30, Eddie Harkness and his orchestra, playing from the Marine Room of the Olympic Hotel.

CFYC, Vancouver, B.C. (411)—12 to 1:30 p.m., popular dance music, courtesy Radio Dealers. 2:30 to 3:30, solo and novelty numbers, courtesy Radio Dealers. 4:30 to 5:30, an hour with the classics, courtesy Radio Dealers. 7 to 7:30, news and market reports, Vancouver Sun.

KHJ, Los Angeles, Cal. (405)—8 to 10 p.m., programme through the courtesy of Young's Market Company. 10, Art Hickman's Biltmore Dance Orchestra. 11:30 to 2 a.m., The Times Tomcats will "meow" from KHJ.

KGW, Portland, Ore. (492)—6 to 7 p.m., dinner programme. 9 to 12, dance music by wire telephony from Indian Grill of Multnomah Hotel.

Devon and Cornwall Men Asked to Subscribe

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Devon and Cornwall are taking a great interest in the effort which is being made to provide a university for South West England, at Exeter. More than £10,000 has been subscribed, including £1,000 from the Prince of Wales, who is chairman of the college. Devonian and Cornish associations in England and the Dominions are being asked to subscribe.

The Streatham Hall Estate, which was presented to the college two years ago, is to be the site. It has been extended by 120 acres. It is hoped to provide for 1,000 students. Research work will be most important activities at the University as the place adapts itself particularly to such service. Streatham Hall, during the war, was a hospital and many Canadians went through it.